



Foster Primary School
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Dear parent/guardian,

Foster Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Foster Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to continue to operate a wider offering of subject and special curriculum experiences, such as the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (Grade 3 – 6 students), *Art, Music, Drama and Physical Education*.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Moorhouse
Principal

Matt Wallis
School Council President

| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
|---|----------------|
| Year 5-6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$xx) • Science – equipment & consumables • English – book boxes • Sports – equipment | \$40.00 |
| Year 5-6 Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics • Reading Eggs • Essential Assessments | \$40.00 |
| Year 5-6 Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival • Swimming carnival • Incursions/Cultural Events | \$25.00 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| School grounds maintenance and improvements | \$20.00 |
| Library replenishment | \$10.00 |
| Total Amount | \$30.00 |

Educational items for students to own

Attached is the Grade 5-6 booklist for 2022, which can be purchased pre-packaged directly from Leongatha Office Express. Foster news agency (part of Foster Foodworks) were approached by the school but at this stage are unable to assist with the preparation of book packs.

School booklist can be purchased on line at www.booklists.com.au/express/ -through Leongatha Office Express by the 10th December 2021 and be delivered to Foster Primary School in readiness for the 2022 school year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Foster Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis, which includes the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and School Camps & Excursions.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount | Purchase (Please tick) |
|--|---------|---------------------------|
| Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program – includes but not limited to flour, oil, sugar, baking powder, herbs & spices, baking parchment, food wrap. | \$50.00 | |
| Year 5-6 Camp | TBA | |
| Optional Year 5 -6 Interschool Sports program | TBA | |
| Other optional Year 5- 6 Excursions to be scheduled | TBA | |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | | \$ |

Financial Support for Families

Foster Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including: the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Scott Moorhouse or Jenny Voros

Ph: 03 56316000 | Email: foster.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total Payment

Purchase booklist items only independently or directly from Leongatha Office Express.

Payment for, curriculum contributions, other contributions, extra-curricular activities items are to be made directly to the school by cheque, cash or credit card.

Total

| Category | Suggested Amount | Parent Contribution |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$107.00 | \$ |
| Other Contributions | \$ 30.00 | \$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$ 50.00 | \$ |
| Total Payment | | |

Refunds: Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school.

| FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL - YEAR 5 / 6 BOOKLIST 2022 | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Quantity | Item |
| 8 | HB PENCIL |
| 2 | BALLPOINT PEN - BLUE |
| 2 | BALLPOINT PEN - RED |
| 1 | 30CM WOODEN RULER |
| 2 | LARGE ERASER |
| 1 | SCRAPBOOK 64 PAGE MEGASAURUS |
| 1 | PENCIL CASE |
| 2 | EXERCISE BOOK 10MM GRID 48 PAGE |
| 7 | A4 EXERCISE BOOK 9MM THIRDS 64 PAGE |
| 1 | DISPLAY BOOK REFILLABLE NAVY |
| 2 | GLUE STICK 36GMS |
| 1 | HANDY PLASTIC POUCH A4 |
| 1 | SHARPENER - TWO HOLE |
| 1 | DOCUMENT WALLET A4 |
| 1 | SCISSORS MEDIUM 170CM |
| 1 | A5 INDEX BOOK BRIGHT 192PG |
| 1 | KLUWELL DIARY |
| 1 | ARTLINE MARKER 0.60 BLACK |
| 1 | ARTLINE MARKER 0.40 BLACK |
| 1 | COLOURED PENCILS 24 PACK |
| 1 | COLOURED TEXTAS 24 PACK |
| BOOKLIST | \$73.00 |
| CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS | \$105.00 |
| OTHER CONTRIBUTION | \$30.00 |
| EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES | \$50.00 |
| TOTAL COST PER STUDENT | \$258.00 |

To place a booklist order please click on this link www.booklists.com.au/express/

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.