



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 2023.

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 • 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 2023, which can be purchased pre-packaged directly from Express Office Choice Leongatha, online only. Foster news agency (part of Foster Foodworks) were approached by the school but are unable to assist with the preparation of book packs.

School booklist can be purchased on line at www.booklists.com.au/express/, by the 9th December 2022 Express Office Choice will not accept instore orders. Your order will be delivered to Foster Primary School and can be picked up at the school on Friday 27th January 2023 in readiness for the 2023 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

Payment method 1

Total payment for all items can be made online when purchasing prepared book pack from Express Office Choice Leongatha.

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 105.00
Other Contributions	\$ 30.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 50.00
Booklist pack	\$ 93.00
Total payment	\$278.00

Payment method 2

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

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

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 105.00
Other Contributions	\$ 30.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities and Items	\$ 50.00
Total Payment	\$185.00

FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL 5 - 6		
Quantity	Item	Code
8	HB Pencil	522586
1	30cm wooden ruler - Rulex	507164
2	Eraser - Celco	522696
1	Scrapbook - 335x245mm 64 page Megasaurus	140777
1	Pencil Case - 2 zips	974451
2	A4 48 pg exercise book (10mm grid)	621913
7	A4 64pg exercise book 9mm dotted thirds	SP4401
1	Display book (refillable) - Navy	53935
2	Glue stick - O/C	523668
1	A4 handy plastic pouch	506316
1	Sharpener - Maped	509006
1	A4 document wallet - plastic	523367
1	SCISSORS MEDIUM 170CM	508996
1	Staedtler Noris Pencils - pk 24	522625
1	Faber Castell Connectors - pk 24	501630
1	Kluwell Diary	Blue
1	A5 192pg index book - Brights	43138E
1	Artline marker 0.60 - Black	522064
1	Artline marker 0.40 - Black	522077
2	Ballpoint Pen - Blue	521969
2	Ballpoint Pen - Red	521970
1	Faber Castell Textliners Asst Bright	501827
1	Headphones	520228
STATIONERY		\$93.00
CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS		\$105.00
OTHER CONTRIBUTION		\$30.00
EXTRA CURRICULAR		\$50.00
TOTAL		\$278.00

Orders need to be placed by 9th December 2022 by clicking 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.