



# AURORA SCHOOL

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## 2021 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Carer,

Aurora School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Aurora School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has revised the Parent Payment Policy to allow for greater transparency of costs for all Victorian schools. Changes include itemised stationery list, breakdown of Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items and suggested Voluntary contributions.

Please find the fee schedule for your child's class attached.

Payment is not required until the start of the 2021 school year. Payments may be made in full or per term.

Aurora School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. In order to maintain overall lower costs, the everyday essential items your child will use in the classroom are included in the attached list.

### Financial Support for Families

Aurora School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (Foundation)
- State Schools Relief – Uniform relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Berni Coleman – Principal or Alison Edwards - Business Manager Ph: 03 8878 9878 Email: [Aurora.sch@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Aurora.sch@education.vic.gov.au)

### Payment Methods

Payments can be made either by cash, EFTPOS, BPay or direct deposit into Aurora School bank account. Details will be shown on your 2021 account.

### Refunds

Refunds will be considered on a case by case basis taking into account the individual circumstance. Generally it is not possible to refund payments made for items purchased or costs incurred that have already been paid to a third party.

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

Yours sincerely,

Berni Coleman  
Principal

Nicole Telfer  
School Council President

## 2021 Fee schedule – EARLY INTERVENTION

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Aurora School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Session Planner	\$ 20
Parent Handbook	\$ 5
Personalised resources	\$ 35
Early Childhood resources	\$ 20
Play Group Victoria membership	\$ 40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120</b>

### Optional Items

Aurora School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. The uniform price list is available from the office.

Optional Item	Amount
Auslan DVD's	As purchased

### Voluntary Contributions

Aurora School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible ?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
General Contribution	Yes	\$50	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

#### Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

#### Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

#### Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



### 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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.