

2021 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

With the bulk buying of consumable items Upwey South Primary School is able to make every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

These consumables and educational items are accessed by each student for the academic year.

Financial Support for Families

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

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

State Schools' Relief

State Schools' Relief is available to families experiencing hardship, and may cover the cost of new school uniforms and/or shoes to assist families in need.

School Uniform: second-hand

Upwey South Primary School operates a second hand uniform shop at the school every Thursday from 3:00pm to 3.20pm. This is ran by a parent volunteer.

All Items are prices at \$2.00 and \$5.00.

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

Clare Bennett - Ph: 03 9757 0200 or Email: Clare.Bennett2@education.vic.gov.au



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Payment Methods

Parents are reminded that the school must receive **FULL payment for the Essential Student Learning Items (stationery & bulk classroom items)** before these can be issued.

Alternative payment options are available through the school and parents are encouraged to make an appointment with the Business Manager to discuss circumstances and available options.

Families on a Payment Plan Agreement will be treated as if full payment has been received.

Once payment is received the student pack to be provided to your child's classroom ready for the beginning of the 2021 school year.

We would appreciate payment of all student contributions by Tuesday 15th December 2020.

Compass Manager

This is our preferred method of payment.

EFT and Cash payments

EFT payment facilities available at the school office. Please have the correct money if paying cash as the school will not be holding cash on the premises. Receipts will be provided on request.

For those families who have not paid by the above date, we ask that you pay prior to Thursday 28th January 2021 (first day of Term One, 2021).

Refunds

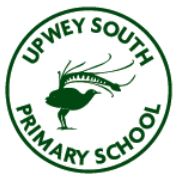
Please refer to Upwey South Primary School's Refund Policy: [Refund Policy](#)

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

Yours sincerely,

Damien Kitch
PRINCIPAL

Peta Cartwright
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

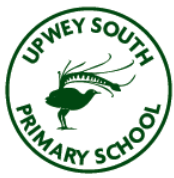


PARENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE – YEAR FOUNDATION – YEAR 6

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items attached for your child;

Description	Foundation	Year 1	Year 2
Student pack Includes: student diary	\$71.44	\$86.94	\$88.19
Classroom Consumables Includes: cooking ingredients, cover paper, modelling clay, cardboard	\$75.69	\$60.19	\$58.94
Art Includes: craft paper, clay, glitter, fabric, paint	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Mathletics	\$27.98	\$27.98	\$27.98
Reading Eggs	\$21.69	\$21.69	\$21.69
MultiLit	\$13.20	\$13.20	\$13.20
Total	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00

Description	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Student pack Includes: student diary	\$85.39	\$86.23	\$76.56	\$77.22
Classroom Consumables Includes: cooking ingredients, cover paper, modelling clay, cardboard	\$76.63	\$75.79	\$75.46	\$74.80
eSmart			\$10.00	\$10.00
Art Includes craft paper, clay, glitter, fabric, cardboard	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Mathletics	\$27.98	\$27.98	\$27.98	\$27.98
Total	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00



Essential Student Learning Items

We greatly appreciate parents purchasing stationery items through the school as it ensures the uniformity of style and quality of books students use. A list of items is available at the school office if you choose to source your own stationery items which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum and for use in the classroom. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please be aware our student diary is only available from the school.

Optional Items

Upwey South Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are offered to students and designed to broaden the school experience for your child. This may include but not limited to incursions, excursions and camps, extra-curricular programs, instrumental music, and entry to school-based performances. You will receive notification and have the opportunity to participate as these arise during the year.

Optional Item	Amount
You will receive notification and have the opportunity to participate as these arise during the year. (includes: swimming, school photos, camps)	Payments to be advised
TOTAL	\$TBA

Voluntary Contributions

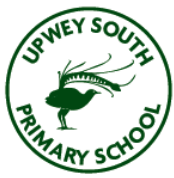
Upwey South Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school for 2021. Your voluntary contribution for the 2021 will go towards the purchase of Digital Learning Resources students within the classroom and a proposed running track on the school oval.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
<i>Monies will be used for the purchase of Digital learning resources and a proposed running track</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>\$150</i>	
TOTAL			\$

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.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount _____
Optional Items	Amount <u>\$NIL</u>
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount _____
	TOTAL _____



Important Dates:

Student Stationery Packs will be delivered direct to the classroom	
Last day for payments in person at the school office	Tuesday 15 th December 2020
Last day of Term 4 – students dismissed at 1:30pm	Friday 18 th December 2020
School Office open 8:30am – 12:30pm	Monday 25 th January 2021
School Office open 12:30am – 4:30pm	Wednesday 27 th January 2021