



**CAULFIELD PRIMARY**  
コーフィールド小学校

## **Student Charges and Voluntary Contributions 2021**

Caulfield Primary School receives a high level of support from families through the payment of students' charges and voluntary contributions. This financial support reflects the commitment and community partnership of parents with this school, to improve their family's educational opportunities. It enables our school to maintain quality programs and provide individual support that would otherwise not be possible given the school's limited financial resources.

In addition to the Student Charges and Voluntary Contributions, a Term Invoice is sent home at the beginning of each term covering the cost of excursions, incursions and other activities for that term. Although these are deemed "Optional" activities they form a core part of our educational program and it is expected that all children will participate. This cost varies each term depending on the activities planned for each year level and payment is essential. Swimming and camp payments are invoiced separately when required. This method has proved very successful in assisting families to make the necessary payments when required.

This year, the Department of Education & Training (DET) is requiring schools to make changes to the way schools charge families for all "Essential" and "Optional" items. For our school, this has no real effect on what we do, other than the need to itemise all the items which are required as part of the Booklist. This will vary from year level to year level, meaning the Booklist charge for each year level will also vary.

Having an itemised Booklist means that parents have the option of purchasing their own materials instead, however this has several drawbacks:

- As the school can purchase supplies in bulk, we can buy things more cheaply
- By accessing the school's bulk purchasing, families avoid the need to source and purchase the items themselves
- Sometimes incorrect items are bought. We can ensure that all children have the same, correct materials.

In reviewing the school's Budget, the School Council has decided that apart from Booklist items, the 2021 charges will remain at the same levels as for 2020. It is worth noting that overall charges are still lower than they were eight years ago and, in fact, are lower than this year!

### **In 2021 your investment will contribute to the following:**

1. Purchase of student materials and requisites (Essential items)
2. Support for school programs and priorities.(Optional items) With increasing school enrolments, there is an increased need to significantly improve our resourcing of Information and Communication Technology. In addition, it supports the resourcing of the Library, our Japanese program, Literacy and Numeracy, and Sports equipment.
3. Grounds maintenance and improvements (Voluntary item)

Your contributions to these areas ensure that our children receive the best possible opportunities.

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When the school is supported financially, the School Council is in a position to maintain and develop programs and facilities that are necessary for the unique educational opportunities and environment our school provides.

The discount is a means of supporting families to cover costs, however if you need more information about payment please contact the Principal directly.

It is in this context that the School Council again seeks your financial support to ensure a successful 2021 school year for your children enrolled at Caulfield Primary School.

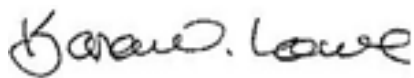
The student charges and voluntary contributions are set out in the attached documents for your information.

Parents who hold a valid Centrelink Health Care card are entitled to \$125.00 to be put towards excursions, swimming, camps or sport. CSEF (Camp, Sport Excursion Fund) application forms are available online at the start of each year. Families who are in receipt of this support do not need to reapply.

We also understand that some families may experience financial difficulties so, by arrangement with the Principal, are happy to arrange for payment by instalments. Please contact the Office to arrange this.

The School Council is appreciative of your commitment and support in the past and anticipates your financial support for the school's and your children's successful future.

Yours sincerely



**Kara Lowe**  
**School Council President**



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