



Parent Payment Charges 2016

School councils are able to request payments or contributions for education items and services from parents and guardians for students in Victorian government schools in the three categories – essential education items, optional education items and voluntary financial contributions.

Essential Education Items

The table below indicates the essential items (those items that your child needs for school) for the 2016 school year. The standard school curriculum is provided free to all students in Victorian government schools, however items which the student uses or takes possession of are considered an essential education item for which payment may be sought.

At Diggers Rest Primary School essential educational items include stationery children use, shared classroom items, specific program materials and subscriptions. Below is a breakdown of the cost of these supplies:

Item	Specifications	Cost
Stationery items (Supplied in book pack)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise books/Writing books/Grid books • Project books/Scrapbooks • Pencil case/pencils/pens • Colouring pencils/textas • Ruler/scissors/erasers/sharpener/glue sticks • Book bags <p>*** Actual items vary depending on the year level. Prep book packs are delivered directly to the classroom.</p>	\$40
Specific Program Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Words' work books • School diary/published home reading diaries • Book boxes • Mathletics subscription • Reading Eggs subscription • Sunshine Online subscriptions 	\$60
Shared classroom supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional stationery as required • Additional work books as required • Cooking ingredients 	\$15

Optional Education Items

Payment may also be requested for optional education items. Optional education items (or non-essential materials and services) are those that are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and which are offered to all students. These optional extras are provided on a user-pays basis and if parents and guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay. These items may include extra-curricular programs or activities (for example instrumental music, swimming, camps, excursions), school magazines, school photographs etc.



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Voluntary Financial Contributions

The table below is for Voluntary financial contributions, where parents and guardians are invited to make a donation to the school.

Item	Amount (please nominate how much you would like to donate)
Grounds beautification	\$
IT (Information Technology) fund	\$

Diggers Rest Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. Our Essential education items charge is capped at \$230 (without a health care card) or \$150 (with a health care card) for families with more than 2 children attending Diggers Rest primary school. If you will have difficulty making payments please make an appointment to speak to Rachelle Hedger to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential. **Please note that families with a valid Healthcare card as of the 30th January, 2016 will have stationery items (book packs) free of charge.**

Book packs for 2016 will be available for purchase from Thursday 10th of December 2015. Book packs will also be available for purchase on Wednesday the 27th of January 2016. Please return this completed form when you collect your child's book pack.



Parent Payment Charges (please fill in):

Child's name: _____ Grade in 2016: _____
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Item	Amount	Total
Essential education items (without health care card)	\$115 per child capped at \$230	\$
Essential education items (with health care card valid on 30/01/2016)	\$75 per child capped at \$150	\$
Voluntary financial contribution		\$
	Total	\$

I have enclosed payment of \$ _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

For direct deposit payment:
 BSB: 063 548
 Account No: 00800277
 Reference: Your Name/Surname