



# RED HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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Dear parent/guardian,

Red Hill Consolidated School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Red Hill Consolidated School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. 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:

- *Maintain classroom libraries in each of our learning spaces, allowing all students to access engaging, high quality literature.*
- *Continue to build a wide selection of home reading materials, including levelled readers, textile books and library books.*
- *Maintain our school swimming pool and run a comprehensive Prep-6 swimming program onsite. This includes replacement of filters, heaters and regular cleaning, heating and servicing of our school pool.*
- *Ongoing refurbishment of learning spaces.*
- *Maintaining and improving our spacious school grounds.*
- *Provision and maintenance of ICT equipment.*

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

Yours sincerely,

Angus Wettenhall  
Principal  
Red Hill Consolidated School

Glenn Sullivan  
President  
Red Hill Consolidated School Council

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	
<i>Year 5 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Visual and Performing Arts Materials Eg. Clay, fabric paints, collage materials</i></li> <li><i>Classroom Library/Home Reading Materials Provision of current and interesting reading materials</i></li> <li><i>Swimming Lessons provided weekly Term 1 and 4 Additional Instructor to facilitate lower ratios</i></li> </ul>	\$20 \$25 \$100	\$145
<i>Year 5 Online Subscriptions</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Mathletics</i></li> <li><i>Reading Eggs</i></li> <li><i>Essential Assessment</i></li> </ul>	\$15.50 \$14.50 \$15.00	\$45
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	
<i>Cleaning, Servicing, Repairs and Heating of Swimming Pool</i>		\$50
<i>Improvement of Learning Environments</i>		\$50
<i>First aid equipment and a dedicated first aid attendant during recess and lunch.</i>		\$25
<i>School grounds maintenance and provision of dedicated on-site maintenance person</i>		\$25
Tax deductible contributions		
<i><b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. <u>Nominate your contribution.</u></i>		
<b>Total Amount</b>		

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Red Hill Consolidated 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.

You will be notified of these items and activities when they arise.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
<i>Incursions, Excursions and Camp throughout the school year information and costing will be made available 4 weeks prior to the date of the event.</i>	\$TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		\$

## Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

## Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- payment arrangements with an agreed fortnightly payment

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

Carmel Mitchell – Business Manager

Ph: 03 5989 2321 Email: [carmel.mitchell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:carmel.mitchell@education.vic.gov.au)

## Payment methods

**The preferred method of payment is via Compass Pay (you should have received separate correspondence with instructions on accessing the Compass Portal) alternatively EFTPOS or Credit Card payment can be accepted at the office.**

## Refunds

Red Hill Consolidated School Refund Arrangements.

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

## Educational items for students to own

A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Kookaburra Educational Resources or obtain from another source for your child to individually own and use is available at

[www.kookaburra.com.au](http://www.kookaburra.com.au) Phone 1300 766 997

**Your Login Code for Kookaburra Educational Resources is User Name: REDHI006 Password: Student23 (Log in details are case sensitive).**

# 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:

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.