

**PARENT PAYMENT POLICY 2023**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Cohuna Consolidated School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2023. Once again students will be required to purchase their own Booklist 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 you 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. **Without your support some activities and programs may be impacted in the very near future.**

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support allows us to:

* Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, STEM, Science, Humanities, Art, Music, Inquiry, Language and PE;
* Purchase Classroom consumables, materials and equipment;
* Maintain and develop the school grounds;
* Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities;
* Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills;
* Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes;
* Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online, Essential Assessment, Reading Eggs, Sunshine Online Scholastic Literacy Pro;
* Deliver a range of sporting equipment for the children to utilise;
* Offer effective First Aid for all students;

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

Yours sincerely,

VALERIE LOBRY, Principal

PAUL LACY, School Council President

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| **Educational items for students to own:** Items purchased and owned  **PARENT PAYMENT POLICY 2023** | Amount |
| Purchased from COS (Complete Office Supplies) or another 3rd party | As purchased price |
| **Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
| ***Prep to Grade 2 - Classroom consumables, materials & equipment***  · *Art – craft paper, paint, paint brushes, pencils, cardboard, scissors, textas, crayons,*  *PVA glue, cover paper, folders, Christmas & end of year craft activities. ($20.00)*  *· General Classroom materials and equipment- Paper, posters/charts, classroom*  *readers & classroom libraries and book boxes*  *· Student Planners/Diaries ($8.00)*  *· Photocopying and printing for students (Learning Resources)*  *· Subject specific materials and equipment* | $100.00  **(Includes prices below for Online Subscriptions)** |
| ***Prep to Grade 2 – Online Learning Subscriptions***   * *Mathletics/Essential Assessment* * *Reading Eggs* * *Sunshine Online* * *Litpro* | $25 per student  $22 per student  $7 per student  $6 per student |
| ***Whole School Swimming Program***  *Transportation, pool entry and lessons.* | Nil in 2023 due to funding |
| ***Grades 3 – 6 Classroom consumables, materials & equipment***  · *Art – craft paper, paint, paint brushes, pencils, cardboard, scissors, textas, crayons,*  *PVA glue, cover paper, folders, Christmas & end of year craft activities. ($20.00)*  *· General Classroom materials and equipment- Paper, posters/charts, classroom*  *readers & classroom libraries and book boxes*  *· Student Planners/Diaries ($6.00)*  *· Photocopying and printing for students (Learning Resources)*  *· Subject specific materials and equipment*  *· specialist program materials, operate programs supporting the strategic curriculum*  *initiatives* | $140  **(Includes prices below for Online Subscriptions)** |
| ***Grade 3 - 6 Online Learning Subscriptions***   * *Mathletics/Essential Assessment* * *Scholastic Literacy Pro* | $25 per student  $6 per student |
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| ***Grade 3 -6 School Events***   * *Athletics carnival – entry and transport* * *Swimming carnival – entry and transport* * *Summer/Winter sports* | **T**  **TBA** |
| **Other Contributions -** for non-curriculum items and activities | **Amount** |
| ***School grounds maintenance and improvements*** | $10 |

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**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Cohuna 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Items will be available to purchase once prices are confirmed in 2023.

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| **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** | **Amount** | **Purchase**  **(Please tick)** |
| **Foundation – Kyabram Fauna Park – Payable prior to excursion date.** *Full cost to be advised in Term 2, 2022* | $30 - $50 |  |
| **Grade 1/2 – Melbourne Zoo/Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement**  **Payable prior to excursion date.** *Full cost to be advised in Term 2, 2023* | TBA |  |
| **Grade 3/4 Melbourne Camp**. **Payable prior to excursion date.**  *Full cost to be advised in Term 2, 2023* | *($250.00 - $350.00)* |  |
| **Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp. Payable prior to excursion date.**  *Full cost to be advised in Term 2, 2023* | *($350.00 - $400.00)* |  |
| *Visiting performances (2 performances @ $5 each).*  *Entry and Bus required to transfer children to school Zone & State Sport activities (Transport where your child participates in a team and* staff are required) | *TBA* |  |
| **Grade 6 Graduation – Term 4, 2023.** | Approx.  $10 per child  $10 per adult |  |
| **Grade 6 T-Shirt – 2023.** | $35-$40 |  |
| **End of year Grade parties Term four 2023.** | TBA |  |

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### Financial Support for Families

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

* Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF for eligible parents/carers)
* Families can also choose to pay by instalments i.e. $10.00 per week via Bpay
* For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

***Leah Cooke, Business Manager***

**Ph: 03 *5456 2361*| Email: *cohunac.cs@education.vic.gov.au***

### Parent Payment Charges

Curricular Contributions Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other Contribution Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_\_**

### Payment methods

### Eftpos, Bpay or Cash

### Refunds

### 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.

**parent PAYMENTS policy**

**ONE PAGE OVERVIEW**

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|  | 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. |

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|  | PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS  Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Curriculum Contributions  Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. | Other  Contributions  Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school’s functions and objectives. | Extra-Curricular Items and Activities  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). |

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|  | 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. |

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|  | 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. |

