

COIMADAI PRIMARY SCHOOL N^o. 716

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PRINCIPAL – MOIRA ROSS

Dear parent/guardian,

Coimadai Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Coimadai Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

While schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum, we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Your ongoing support plays a crucial role in helping us deliver the best possible education and resources for our students. We truly appreciate your efforts, whether through fundraising or volunteering, as it significantly enhances our school community and programs.

With this support, we have broadened our curriculum offerings and special experiences. We have been able to offer our students the CLUBS program, refreshed classrooms, added to our library collection, extended the Breakfast Club menu, offered free excursions, incursions, a free swimming program, and enhanced digital learning opportunities by purchasing new ipads and classroom computers.

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

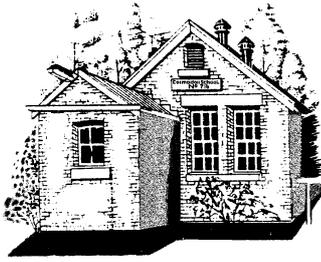
Yours sincerely,

Moira Ross

Principal

Regan Montgomery

School Council President



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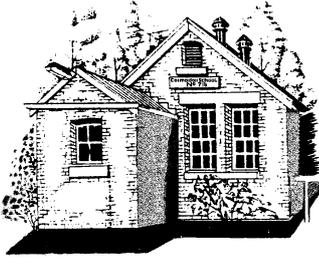
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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Classroom Consumables and Materials • Clubs <p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mangahigh • Decodable Reader Australia • Inquisitive • Sounds Write • Handwriting Boc <p><i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i></p> <p><i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></p>	\$75
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>School Sports Victoria membership</i></p> <p><i>Bacchus Marsh Primary School Sports Association</i></p> <p><i>Student wellbeing programs</i></p> <p><i>First aid equipment</i></p> <p><i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i></p>	\$25
<p>Total Amount</p> <p>Total Amount per student</p> <p>Family fees will be capped at \$200</p>	\$100



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Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from *Ka Ka Kids School Supplies* for your child to individually own and use.

After consulting all families via a parent survey with regards to the booklist, this year we are offering two options for parents.

Option 1

Ka Ka Kids School Supplies will provide all student stationery needs.

Option 2

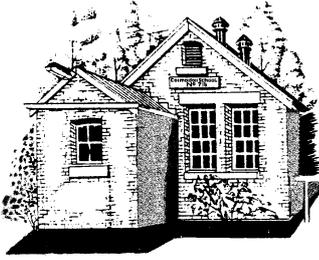
Parents will independently purchase all student stationery needs.

Grade 3 Netbook purchases will be via the LWT Educational Portal. This information has already been sent home to next year's Grade 3 students. If you have not received this information please contact Moira.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Coimadai Primary 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
<i>School photos</i>
<i>School camp</i>
<i>Year 4-6 Interschool Sports program</i>
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i>
<i>Year 6 Graduation</i>



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Payment methods BPay - please contact the school for your reference number.

Cash – pay at the office

Direct Deposit – contact the school for details

Financial Support for Families

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

- CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF) CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and/or sporting activities.
- CENTREPAY - If you receive a regular payment from the government e.g. health care card, pension card, sole parent, foster parent or Veterans Affairs Gold Card, you are eligible to set up a fortnightly deduction to go towards your child/rens school costs – booklist, excursions and camps. There is no charge to you for using Centrepay.

How Deductions are set up - A Customer can set up a Deduction in a number of ways:

Via their Centrelink online account, via MyGov,

using the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app or by contacting the Agency.

The minimum Deduction amount for Centrepay is \$10.

Please quote: 555129620V

Business Name: COIMADAI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please 'Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrepay for more information' or Freecall 1800 044 063

• CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

The Child Care Subsidy helps eligible families with the cost of outside school hours care, vacation care and registered care.

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>

• THE SMITH FAMILY

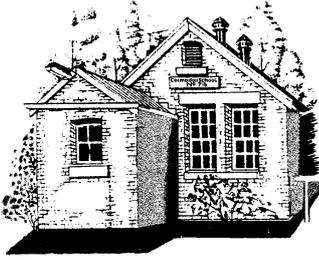
The Smith Family helps disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

For further information please go to:

<http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/what-we-do/our-work/at-school>

If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

The Business Manager Ph: 03 53672907 Email: Coimadai.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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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



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:

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).



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.