



Dear Parents,

Please find attached the costing for school fees and activities for 2019 and the DET outline for school fees. School Council approved a \$15 increase to the charges. This means we will avoid requesting additional payments throughout the year unless they are camps, swimming or additional sporting events for Grade 3-6.

We are providing families with this information in a timely manner, so that parents can plan for payment requirements and instalments.

We continue to provide our students with broad range of activities to engage them in their learning and personal growth.

### **Essential Student Learning Items**

#### **(payment required or parent provides items to the school)**

These are items, activities or services that we at KDPS deem essential to student learning of the standard curriculum. Payment is required to the school unless parent choose to request an itemised list and provide items for use at school. Essential items payments are due by the end of term 1. Please notify the office if you would like to arrange a payment plan option.

#### **Optional Items (user pay – payment required prior to the event)**

These items or activities are optional and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. Students may access these on a user-pay basis. All payments must be received prior to the event or activity. We have offered one charge for all excursions and activities for the year. This cost will cover all activities except for camps and optional sporting events for grades 3-6.

Please come and speak to me if you require further clarification.

With warm regards,

*Marina Milich*

## **KDPS Summary & explanation of Charges for 2019**

<b>Essential Educational Items (curriculum charge and school will arrange items or parent responsibility to provide – school will provide an itemised list upon request)</b>	
Student Requisites – parents are welcome to request an itemised list (F to year 6) Eg; workbooks, writing pencils and pens, coloured pencils and textas, school diary, folders	\$100
Specialist Subjects requisites (STEM, The Arts) – materials and resources used during classes	\$60
Kitchen Garden – cooking ingredients	\$25
Local excursions/activities/incursions ( <b>excluding optional excursions, camps or swimming</b> ) Learning Community Excursions/Incursions, end of year activity, Life Education Van. These activities are essential to the school curriculum.	\$115
<b>TOTAL Essential Items</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Payment due by the end of Term 1, 2019 (unless payment plan has been arranged)</b>	

<b>Swimming is essential component of the Victorian Curriculum as of 2018.</b>	
Swimming includes travel and entry, instructor (term one for 3-6, term 4 F-2)	\$90
<b>Total Swimming</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Payment due prior to the commencement of the program</b>	

<b>Optional CAMPS and Excursions (user pay)</b>	
<i>These costs are user pay system only, alternative programs will be arranged for students who do not attend. Please note we have provided a payment instalment plan. All payment reminders will be noted on the school calendar.</i>	
<b>5/6 Canberra Camp</b> First instalment due 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 (\$250) Second instalment due 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 (\$200) Third instalment due 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 (\$150) Final payment due 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 (\$100)	<b>\$700</b>
<b>3/4 Sovereign Hill</b> First instalment due 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 (\$125) Second instalment due 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 (\$75) Final payment due 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 (\$50)	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Year 2 overnight camp to Port Fairy</b> First instalment due 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 (\$40) Second instalment due 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 (\$25) Final payment due 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019 (\$25)	<b>\$90</b>
3-6 Optional Sporting Events	<b>Approx. \$5 per event (to cover the cost of the bus)</b>
<b>All payments are required prior to the event.</b>	

# Understanding Parent Payment Categories

## Schools

### What does the legislation say?

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for free instruction in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

In the Act, a 'Parent' includes a guardian and every person who has parental responsibility for a child including parental responsibility under the Commonwealth Family Law Act 1975 and any person with whom a child normally or regularly resides.

### What do schools pay for as part of 'free instruction'?



Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program, including reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.

The standard curriculum for Years F-10 means implementation of the Victorian Curriculum F-10.

The standard curriculum for senior secondary schools means a program that enables a student to be awarded a VCE or VCAL qualification.

### What principles govern parent payment practice?

Educational Value | Access, Equity & Inclusion | Affordability

Engagement & Support | Respect & Confidentiality | Transparency & Accountability

## Parents

### What may parents be asked to pay for?

#### Schools can request payment for Essential Student Learning Items



These are items, activities or services that the school deems **essential** to student learning of the standard curriculum.

Where practical and appropriate, parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide their own.

These may also be either:

#### Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of

- e.g.
- textbooks, activity books, exercise books
  - stationery, book bags
  - student ID cards, locks
  - cooking ingredients students will consume
  - materials for final products that students take home (technology projects, build-your-own kits, dioramas)
  - Picture Exchange Communication Systems

#### Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend

i.e. travel, entry fees or accommodation

- e.g.
- excursions
  - incursions
  - school sports
  - work placements



Parents can be asked to pay for items, activities and services in the three Parent Payment Categories:

Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Schools determine how items, activities and services are classified within these categories based on the learning and teaching program of their school.

#### Schools can request payment for Optional Items

These are items, activities or services that are **optional** and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.

Students may access these on a user-pays basis.

These may be either:

#### Items the student purchases or hires

- e.g.
- school magazines, class photos
  - functions, formals, graduation dinners
  - materials for extra curricular programs
  - student accident insurance

#### Activities the student purchases

- e.g.
- fees for extra curricular programs or activities, such as instrumental music tuition
  - fees for guest speakers
  - camps, excursions, incursions, sports
  - entry fees for school run performances

#### Items and/or materials that are more expensive than required to meet the standard curriculum

- e.g.
- use of silver in metal work instead of copper
  - supplementary exam revision guides

Support for families experiencing hardship is available at every school and each school has a parent payment contact person. See your school's policy for more information.

For more information on Parent Payments and Personal Devices, visit the DET website at: [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)

Schools can invite **Voluntary Financial Contributions** for



- e.g.
- Building or Library fund (Tax deductible)
  - Voluntary contributions for a specific purpose, such as equipment, materials, services.
  - General voluntary contributions