



CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2017 Payment Policy

Dear Parents,

School Council's philosophy is to keep school levies as low as possible in order to ensure that all parents are able to meet these costs.

By way of information, we have utilised the guidelines to schools from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) as to what parents are expected to pay for and what schools are expected to supply as part of the Government Grant.

In summary, School Councils can expect parents to pay for essential student learning items; such as the following materials and services:

- *School Uniform*
- *Student textbooks*
- *Student requisites/stationery*
- *Materials for program electives*
- *Student computer & printing above basic requirements*
- *Visiting Performances*
- *Student Diary*
- *Swim programs(**compulsory for all students**) / Camps/Excursions*

All parent payments received for essential student learning items; assist in supporting and enriching the schools teaching and learning programs and ultimately support increased student outcomes.

Schools may also offer a range of optional items for which parents are expected to pay for, if they wish their children to receive them.

- *Graduation Dinners*
- *School Magazine / Calendar*
- *Class Photos*
- *Bike Education*
- *School Concerts/Productions*
- *Instrumental Music lessons & Hire of Musical Instruments*

Voluntary Financial Contributions

School Councils may invite parents to pay a *voluntary contribution* for any item or purpose.

- *Building Fund*
- *Library Fund*
- *Equipment Purchases*
- *Grounds Beautification* **Our school DOES NOT ask parents to pay**

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS

\$110.00

If you would like to make payments in installments, please contact the Office.

Payments may be submitted electronically via direct deposit; you will need to complete the following steps:

Clearly identify your family name
Account name: Churchill North Primary School Council
BSB: 06 3522 Account No: 10097567

Other costs parents can expect to pay during the year:

Swimming – 6 week program <i>Swimming costs to be paid prior to your child commencing the program.</i>	\$60.00
Prep – Grade Reader Bags	\$12.00
Uniform Items	as per pricelist
Camps/Excursions	(costs to be determined during the year)
Visiting Performances	(costs to be determined during the year)

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** runs over four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply; \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with payments made directly to the school and expended directly on your child.

Schools are required to use the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment for expenses relating to Camps, Sport and/or Excursions for the benefit of the eligible student.

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which the CSEF payment may be used include:

- School camps/trips
- Swimming and other school-organised sporting programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions/incursions

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, nor towards books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, etc

Family Support Options

Please contact the school if you would like to find out further information about:-

- Second hand uniforms
- State Schools Relief
- A school levies payment plan

Communication with Families

Please Contact Office Staff: Rhonda Clarkson or Michelle Beagley
Principal: Debbie Edwards
Email: churchill.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 51221976

The following DET Parent Payment guidelines and Churchill North Primary School Payment Policy can be located on the schools website (www.churchillnth.vic.edu.au) and ueducatus.

Payments for essential student learning items of \$110.00 are to be paid by no later than **Friday March 10, 2017**, unless arrangements for payments by instalment have been made with the school office.

These may be submitted electronically via direct deposit; you will need to complete the following steps:

Electronic Payment of Funds

- Clearly identify your family name
- Account name: Churchill North Primary School Council
- BSB: 06 3522 Account No: 10097567

We thank all parents in anticipation of your support.

A. Franks

Andrew Franks
School Council President

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Debbie Edwards
Principal

This policy is reviewed annually by the Finance Committee and approved by School Council.

Date of approval by School Council: