SORRENTO PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

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Rationale

- The Department of Education and Training (DET) provides funding to each school through the Student Resource Package (SRP). This funding arrangement provides schools with flexibility to allocate resources (human, financial and physical) in accordance with the goals and priorities outlined in the Annual Implementation Plan and Strategic Plan.
- Our school community prides itself on the emphasis placed on encouraging all students to be their best by the provision of programs to support all areas of the curriculum. The community at Sorrento PS wish to continue giving students worthwhile programs and facilities in order to maintain the acknowledged high standard programs and educational environment at our school. Parents are asked for their full support to generate the additional funds required to deliver these resources and services. It should be emphasized that these are used during the school year for the direct and immediate benefit of each student.

Implementation

Sorrento Primary School will request payments from parents, within the DET guidelines, for the following three categories:

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS
These are items which parents/guardians are required to provide.
These items include:

- Booklist supplies which are required to be used by students. These supplies are to be collected from the school on the designated book selling day. It is recommended that if parents purchase privately they buy from the designated supplier. Some items are required for specific subjects (eg: Maths Grid book). Students should have the recommended books as indicated on the booklist.

- Materials & Services Payment for materials used in the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program.

- School Uniforms which are required to be worn by all students. These can be purchased from Beleza in Rosebud.

- Swimming lessons, Camps and Excursion/Visiting Artists/Events costs.

1. OPTIONAL EXTRAS. These are based on a user pays basis and parents/guardians may choose whether their child participates.
Interest Programs Participation is only upon payment of the required charge for programs such as Instrumental Music, Connections, International Competition and Assessments.

2. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.
   - Contribution to assist with ongoing improvement of buildings, grounds and classroom programs.

Parents who have any difficulty meeting any of the requested costs, or would prefer a tailored payment schedule during the course of the school year, are encouraged to confidentially discuss their situation with the school Principal.

Support Options - Parents who have difficulty paying for essential items can access a range of support options including:
   - The Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to low income families to assist with the cost of educating their children.