

A Respectful and Responsible Learning Community
2025 Contributions

6th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Great Ryrie Primary School (GRPS) is looking forward to another exciting year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2025. At GRPS, our unwavering commitment to excellence drives us to continuously innovate our educational programs, tailored to meet the unique needs and interests of each of our students. We take great care to keep the costs associated with various school items and activities as low as possible, ensuring affordability for all parents in our community.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer an enriched curriculum and learning experiences that go beyond the standard requirements, extending beyond what is funded by the Government. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

We take immense pride in offering a comprehensive and well-resourced education program at GRPS, one that aligns with the individual needs and aspirations of our students. Our commitment to providing rich and diverse learning experiences sets us apart.

The School Council is appreciative of your contributions, which have enabled us to provide outstanding facilities and resources for our students such as:

- Literacy books and classroom readers
- Classroom furniture
- Art, Lote, PE and the Performing Arts resources
- Maintenance of our school grounds and improvements to play areas
- First Aid materials
- Library enhancements including the latest books
- Many other materials that assist us run our high-quality programs.

We look forward to the upcoming year with optimism and enthusiasm, knowing that with your support, we can continue to achieve excellence in education. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview attached.



Karen Rouda
PRINCIPAL



Richard Bailey
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS PREP– GRADE 6 2025

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount per student
<p>Below is a list of items and activities that your child will use to learn the standard curriculum. Most of these items will be ordered in bulk at wholesale prices and distributed to students as needed throughout the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Additional classroom resources for activities, craft, classroom readers, headphones (Prep only) and take-home books, blocks, counters etc -Resources, equipment and learning materials for LOTE, Physical Education, Science, Performing Arts -Art: materials for take home projects, painting, drawing, folios, in class materials -Photocopying and printing of classroom materials and worksheets -Literacy/Maths: Learning materials including stationery, decodable readers, and digital subscriptions to support the programs - Student wellbeing subscriptions and workbooks (UR Strong Grades 2-6) - STEM Program resources, science project materials, provision and upkeep on the school devices and ICT class sets - Performing Arts worksheets, learning resources and maintenance/repair of musical instruments - Inquiry learning consumables, project materials 	\$264

Other Contributions - Non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives. All contributions received towards these funds directly enhance the school's ability to provide a high-quality learning environment and resources for every student. ** Suggested amount per student		
First Aid	This contribution provides; first aid training for all staff, first aid resources (such as school Epipens, Ventolin, first aid kits for excursions, first aid equipment such as bandaids, ice packs, etc)	\$15
Grounds Maintenance	This contribution goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the school grounds, such as soft fall mulch for the playgrounds, tree planting, mowing and grounds maintenance. In 2025, we intend to use these funds to continue developing our whole school grounds. A contribution to the Grounds Maintenance fund will allow us to maintain the school grounds without asking parents to participate in working bees during the year.	\$65
Wellbeing and Chaplaincy Support	Our School Chaplain, Alan provides a safe and welcoming environment and is an invaluable support to our students and school Community. Students feel comfortable discussing a range of concerns with Alan including anxiety, family changes, social challenges, grief and loss. Families can choose whether the focus of the support is faith based or not.	\$10
Family Support Fund	Every year families are impacted emotionally and financially by a range of circumstances. In 2025 funds will be directed to assist families who would benefit from financial support for uniforms, stationery, or activities.	\$10
Library Fund **Tax Deductible Contribution	The contribution goes towards purchasing fiction, non-fiction, electronic books, online literacy resources and other tools for the library and literacy programs. In 2025 we intend to use these funds to support the library and literacy programs by replacing and renewing take home readers, upgrading, and replacing library books.	\$15

School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

The details of the School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024. You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

At GRPS in 2025, your bonus can be used towards school costs, which include excursions and incursions, swimming program, graduation (Year 6), and school uniforms.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

GRPS 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 via compass events. Activities include Excursions, Incursions, Swimming, Camps, Sporting etc. All events will be managed through the Compass portal. A notification will be sent to parents at the time of the event. CSEF is available to qualifying families or the School Saving Bonus if families chose to allocate an amount for activities on the portal.

Financial Support for Families

GRPS makes every effort to ensure parent payments are affordable to all parents. GRPS understands that some families may experience financial difficulty. We have a range of support options, including second hand uniform sales, Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF), access to States Schools' Relief and access to the GRPS Family Support Fund. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Jackie Kapoor, Business Manager Ph: 03 9870 6098 Email: Jaclyn.Kapoor@education.vic.gov.au or Karen Rouda, Principal karen.rouda@education.vic.gov.au

2025 Parent Contributions Total

Category	Suggested Amounts
Curriculum Contributions	\$264
Other Contributions including tax deductible donations	\$115
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	<i>User pays - Billed via Compass per event</i>
Total	\$379

Payment methods

Our preferred method of payment is via Compass Course Confirmation. Payment can also be processed at the office using credit/debit card or cash. If you choose to **pay in full via compass**, the full amount will be deducted on the **same day** that you process your payment on Compass.



Payments for all Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions can be made either in full or 4 equal monthly instalments using Compass Course Confirmation and Payments.

1. Open **Course Confirmation and Payments** and select the payments that you would like to make.
2. Either **pay in full by 24th February 2025** or **via 4 monthly instalments** in Compass Course Confirmation.
3. Complete payment using your Debit/Credit Card details and submit.

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

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. Our refund policy is available on the school website.


Student Book Packs 2025:

COS will be supplying your 2025 stationery packs. COS is a 100% Australian Family Owned & Operated school supplier. On the attached COS information sheet, you will find a list of items created by our teachers, that the school recommends you purchase from for your child to individually own and use. We recommend you purchase these items through COS to ensure that every student has items with the same specifications and quality requested by the school. By purchasing through COS, we can offer considerable savings to parents/carers due to the school's sizeable buying power. If you choose to provide the student stationery items for your child, please ensure you have a conversation with the Business Manager prior to purchase to ensure your purchases meet the requirement of the school.

Ordering Instructions:

For a fast, simple, and secure way to place your order visit parent.cos.net.au and follow these steps:

1. Click on School Packs or Sign in button in the menu taskbar
2. Enter the Username: greatryrieprimary@cos.net.au / Password: BTSpaents-2025
3. Select the Year level required for 2025
4. Review product selection based on your requirements
(Please note, items may have been marked as either mandatory or optional by your school)
5. Add your Pack to the shopping cart
6. Enter your Child's Details & Delivery Details
7. Enter in your credit card, PayPal or Pay4 details and then submit your order
8. You will receive an email order confirmation and can also request order tracking sent to your mobile.
9. Bring your book pack to school on the first day of Term 1, 2025

	Amount per Book Pack, per year level
Prep	\$55.85
Grade 1	\$88.38
Grade 2	\$85.91
Grade 3	\$73.40
Grade 4	\$76.44
Grade 5	\$71.84
Grade 6	\$77.62

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.