

A Respectful and Responsible Learning Community
2023 Contributions - Foundation

3rd November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Great Ryrie Primary School. Thank you for choosing our school for your child's education. We look forward to working closely with you over the next 7 years to provide the best quality educational experiences for your child.

Along with this letter, you will find important information regarding our Compass parent portal, including your family login. We use Compass as a tool to communicate with parents, notices and all payments. Please activate your login ASAP and download the app.

At Great Ryrie Primary School, we are proud to offer our students a comprehensive, well-resourced education program, which meets their individual needs and aspirations. We provide rich and diverse learning experiences which extend well beyond the standard curriculum. We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through making voluntary contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

As the Department of Education only provides the school with a limited amount of student-based funding for a basic standard of curriculum delivery, we have relied on parent contributions over the last few years to develop and maintain the high quality of education and resources. Therefore in 2023, we ask and encourage you to make a contribution to our school. Without your support and the subsequent lack of funds, we may have to reduce funding and cut several of our programs and resources. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best quality possible education and support for our students

In our quest to provide exceptional student learning opportunities, Great Ryrie Primary School Council has approved the school's parent contributions for 2023, consistent with associated school-level and Department of Education and Training policies. These policies may be viewed on our website - www.greatryrieps.vic.edu.au.

Book Packs - Educational items for students to own

We have partnered with Ross Office Supplies to support GRPS families with purchasing student book packs. Please refer to the following pages for more information.

www.booklist.officebrands.com.au/Croydon - see flyer attached for login details.

Financial Support for Families

Great Ryrie Primary School makes every effort to ensure parent payments are affordable to all parents. Great Ryrie Primary 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 Great Ryrie Primary Schools Family Support Fund. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Hollie Serollo, Business Manager Ph: 03 9870 6098 Email: hollie.serollo@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. Our refund policy is available on the school website.

Payment Options

BOOKPACKS: NOVEMBER

BOOK PACKS are available for purchase through **Ross Office Supplies**



All book packs can be purchased online through booklist.officebrands.com.au/croydon

Families also have the option to add Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions at the time of purchasing book packs through Ross Office Supplies.

Please note: Book packs are only available to purchase from 1st November to 30th November. Purchases after this date will incur a late fee.

Please see the 2023 Booklists flyer attached for further information.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY: NOVEMBER ONWARDS

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY through **COMPASS** with the option of a **PAYMENT PLAN**



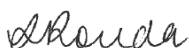
Alternatively, payments for all Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions can be made either in full or 4 equal monthly instalments using Compass Course Confirmation and Payments.

1. Open **Course Confirmation and Payments** and select the payments that you would like to make.
2. Either **pay in full by 24th February** 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 a one-page overview attached.

Over many years, Great Ryrie Primary School has provided students with many high-quality education programs, resources, facilities, and grounds. We hope these can continue through your financial support in 2023.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Rouda
PRINCIPAL



Richard Bailey
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Please find the itemised list of Curriculum Contributions, Extra-Curricular Items and Other Contributions for your child.

Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>LITERACY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom learning materials including paper, shapes, glue, tapes, workbooks, readers etc. Decodable readers, project paper, tapes, glue Digital Subscription - Reading Eggs <p>MATHEMATICS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom learning materials including paper, shapes, glue, tapes, workbooks, maths kits etc. Digital Subscription - Mathletics <p>SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program consumables including 3D printing filament and science project materials ICT Provision & upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT class sets, device configuration & maintenance ICT iTunes Credit <p>ARTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Art consumables including folios, card, paper, paste, paint, glues and various craft items Performing Arts consumables including worksheets and learning resources & maintenance/repair of musical instruments <p>INQUIRY LEARNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquiry Learning Consumables including classroom project materials, paper, paints, glues etc. <p>LANGUAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOTE classroom consumables <p>CLASSROOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom craft consumables Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Headphones 	<p>\$235</p>
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$235

STUDENT BOOK PACK- Ross Office Supplies

Educational items for students to own purchased online via Ross Office Supplies (see attachment)	\$68.20 inc GST
<p>We have partnered with Ross Office Supplies to support GRPS families with purchasing student book packs. On the Ross Office Supplies website (below), 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 Ross Office Supplies to ensure that every student has items with the same specifications and quality requested by the school. By purchasing through Ross Office Supplies, we are able to offer considerable savings to parents/carers due to the school's sizeable buying power.</p> <p>www.booklist.officebrands.com.au/Croydon - see flyer attached for login details.</p> <p>If you choose to provide the student stationary 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.</p>	

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Great Ryrie Primary School 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 for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. 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.

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.		Amount per Family
COMMUNICATION PROGRAM	Compass Parent Portal	\$5
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION	This contribution provides; first aid training for all staff, first aid resources (such as EPI pens, first aid kits for excursions, PPE equipment), and other equipment to provide a COVID safe environment.	\$10
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTION	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 2023, we intend to use these funds to continue developing our whole school grounds master plan featuring an outdoor classroom space and much much more!	\$55
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE CONTRIBUTION	The Department of Education provides a limited amount of student-based funding for a basic curriculum delivery. The Education Excellence contribution assists in purchasing items to enhance GRPS's learning resources for reading, writing, numeracy, inquiry, and our wide range of specialist programs such as PE, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, STEM, and Indonesian. In 2023 funds will be directed to support high-quality teaching and learning programs for our students.	\$20
CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT & WELLBEING CONTRIBUTION	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.	\$30
FAMILY SUPPORT FUND	Every year families are impacted emotionally and financially by a range of circumstances. In 2023 funds will be directed to assist families who would benefit from financial support in the purchasing of student stationery supplies, participation in optional school activities or the purchase of school uniforms.	Please nominate your donation
LIBRARY FUND CONTRIBUTION 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 2023 we intend to use these funds to support the library and literacy programs. Including replacing and renewing take home readers, upgrading and replacing library books.	Please nominate your donation

2023 BOOKLISTS

Open for ordering **Tuesday 1 November 2022**

Last day for ordering **Wednesday 30 November 2022***

ORDER ONLINE



- 1. Go to Booklist Website**
booklist.officebrands.com.au/croydon
 - Enter School Access Code: **cutecart39**
 - Select: Create an Order
 - OR Scan QR code if using mobile phone
- 2. Enter Details** (Separate orders are required for each student but with single payment on completion.)
 - Enter your child's name and select their class for **2023**.
- 3. Create your order**
 - School predefined quantities for each product are displayed but can be adjusted if required.
 - When finished, click on Add to Cart
Review your order; (click on Edit Order if required).
 - Select Checkout or Add another Student
- 4. Checkout**
 - Enter your details.
 - Delivery / Collection Details; please select Collect at School*.
 - Click Next.

**BOOK PACKS WILL BE HANDED TO STUDENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF TERM 1, 2023 OR IF PREFERRED ALSO AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 20 JANUARY FROM 10.00 AM TO 12.00 MIDDAY.*

5. Select payment type and submit your order

An order confirmation will be sent to the email address on your order.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you wish to pay via Cash or a Payment Plan or you are experiencing financial hardship please contact Hollie Serollo, Business Manager on 9870 6098 or at the office BY Friday 25 November 2021 to arrange your stationery order and voluntary payments.

**Late orders will be accepted after 30 November 2022 but will incur a \$15 late fee and may not be available for the start of school so Please do not delay.*

We are here to help. Any problems just call us on 03 9839 8400

Booklists by ROSS OFFICE SUPPLIES. 11 Lacey Street, Croydon, VIC 3136

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.