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Dear Families

Croydon Special Developmental School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Croydon Special Developmental School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 the best possible education and support for our students. 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to have a bank of iPads with appropriate software, supply classroom consumables, Food Tech consumables and sensory items.

Croydon Special Developmental School is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Christine Pillot

Principal

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School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Amount**
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. • Classroom Reqs-Scrapbooks, Glue sticks, pencils etc • Food Tech – food ingredients such as flour, oil, sugar, eggs, vegetables • Sensory items	$140.00
Online Subscriptions • Boardmaker • Reading Eggs • Study Ladder • Sunshine Online • Clicker 8	$33.00
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	$10.00
Communication tools – PODD books, assistive technology devices, displays	$20.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	$10.00
Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions	**$213.00**

Other Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
First aid and hygiene equipment	$20.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	$160.00
Total tax-deductible Other Contributions	**$180.00**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Croydon Special Developmental School offers a range of optional 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please ensure payment is made to the school by 30/06/2026.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**Amount**
School magazine/ yearbook	$17.00
Camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	**$17.00**

Financial Support for Families

Croydon Special Developmental School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Schools Saving Bonus
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- [insert the school's financial support options for families].

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:
Val Maher
Ph: 03 9725 4933 | Email: val.maher@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Total recommended amount	Total payment
Total tax-deductible contributions	$393.00	$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$17.00	$
Total	**$410.00**	**$*[parent to complete]***

Payment methods

Cash at the school Administration Office or

Direct Credit to the school's bank account.

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 063 124

Account No: 1012 4009

Or

Compass Pay available from your compass login

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.

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.