

December 8th 2020



Dear Parents,

Watsonia Primary School always endeavours to deliver a high quality and stimulating learning environment for all students. A key pillar has been the use of technology in learning which brings with it additional costs. To counter this, School Council has approved a change to our fee structure in 2021. The main point is the removal of the Voluntary payment, and consolidation of the essential items, including books and Apps. This approach keeps costs to a minimum for parents and enables our commitment to technology-based learning to ensure our students are equipped for 21st Century learning and skills.

Watsonia Primary School will implement the Education Department policy of charging for **Essential Education Items**.

The essential education items listed enhance learning programs for your child and will provide them with all the support materials they need to reach their potential in class. Essential Education Items are the items that are essential to support the standard instruction in the standard curriculum program and include:

- Materials that the individual student consumes or takes possession of, such as, text books, and technology Apps and student stationery

A copy of the Education Department Parent Payment Categories Flowchart is attached to this letter for your reference. The Education Department website provides further detail at:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/spag/management/PP_Parent-Payments_diagram.pdf

Our School Council has approved the Booklist charges as follows:

Please note this includes all technology Apps, classroom materials and classroom consumables such as paper and photocopying costs.

Essential Education Items Compulsory Booklist

To be paid on: Thursday 21st January 2021, between 10.30am and 2.30pm

This can be paid in instalments please speak to Sue in the office.

Prep	\$135.00
Grade 1	\$135.00
Grade 2	\$135.00
Grade 3	\$145.00
Grade 4	\$145.00
Grade 5	\$160.00
Grade 6	\$160.00

These charges reflect a school bulk discount price which cannot be found in retail shops. The materials are all specifically designed for school, meet the requirements of the AUSVELS curriculum standards and are age specific. Book packs purchased at the school ensure all students have the same items and there is consistency for use during lessons.

*The package also includes a **FREE** Library bag.*

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