PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS – EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND LEARNING MATERIALS ONLY

Dear Parents and Carers

Kangaroo Flat Primary School (Kangaroo Flat PS) is not inviting voluntary contributions from parents and carers for 2027. This letter provides information about other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Kangaroo Flat PS offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. We want to let you know about the costs of extra-curricular items and activities, such as camps and excursions, and learning materials such as textbooks you can buy for your child to own for 2027.

Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact the Kangaroo Flat PS administration team on (03) 5447 5100 or kangaroo.flat.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number (03) 5447 5100 or email address kangaroo.flat.ps@education.vic.gov.au. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Kangaroo Flat PS 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Extra-curricular items and activities

Kangaroo Flat PS offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs
- class photos.

We have provided indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below. These are optional and parents/carers can opt out of extra-curricular items and activities throughout the year.

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made now or later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost	Confirmed cost (where known)	Parent/carer to select
Swimming Program (Foundation – Year 6)	$50		Yes
Year 2 Sleepover Year 3 Doxa Camp Year 4 Doxa Camp Year 6 Graduation	$70 $110 $110 $20		Yes
Sports Days (per event)	$10		Yes
Whole School Incursions X 2 Year Level Excursions	$30 $50		Yes
School Photos	From $45		Yes

Learning materials for students to own

Booklist items:

Kangaroo Flat PS has an arrangement with the following supplier for the materials that you can buy: Education Plus, 15 Phillips Drive, Kangaroo Flat.

If you wish to buy items through the supplier, please go to https://www.edplus.com.au/ or see the recommended list which will be provided and published on our website when finalised.

You may buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier. If you choose to buy these items from another supplier, please ensure that you get the exact specifications listed in the booklist.

If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis.

Financial help for families

Kangaroo Flat PS understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend extra-curricular activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis. Applications are due in Term1 of 2027.
- **Affordable School Uniforms** – ordered through State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Payment plans for booklists

Applications for support under both the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact the Kangaroo Flat PS administration team on (03) 5447 5100 or kangaroo.flat.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Payment methods

Via Direct Dr, EFTPOS or CSEF funds

Centrepay via CentreLink is available, please check with office.

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 of Education's Parent Contributions policy and guidance, Financial Help for Families policy, and any other relevant information.

Parent Contributions policy

Information for families

FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.

FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided or provided from home, schools must provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.

Schools must publish their Parent Contributions arrangements on their school website, along with a link the department's Parent Contributions policy.