

2021 Parent Payment Information

Carrington Primary School is looking forward to 2021.

We offer diverse quality learning programs at Carrington Primary School which are funded from three sources:

- Government provided funding
- Parent Payments
- Fundraising

The Department of Education and Training provides funding to schools through the Student Resource Package (SRP) for staffing, the standard curriculum program and operational costs such as utilities, and maintenance. Approximately 90% of the SRP funding is required to cover the cost of the employment of staff, leaving the remainder to meet all other operational costs.

As such, the maintenance of our facilities, curriculum opportunities and the means by which we present them rely on additional contributions from parents along with local fundraising to continually improve our school and make a significant difference to the education provision offered.

School Councils, when setting the fees for the coming year, are always mindful of families ever increasing expenses. With prudent financial management this allows us to keep the level of parent payments at a realistic amount compared with many primary schools. At the November School Council meeting the parent contribution remains **at \$235 per student for the 2021 school year.**

Prior to the end of this year, upon receipt of the full amount the 2021 Parent Payment. Book Packs containing essential student learning items such as writing, exercise, scrap and display books, coloured pencils, marker pens, rulers, erasers etc will be sent home. This will give families the opportunity during the Christmas Holidays to cover, personalise and name all of the included contents, ready to bring to school on the first day of Term 1, 2021.

By purchasing in bulk we are able to obtain prices much cheaper than retail. To enable the school to provide resources for curriculum, classroom and specialist areas for use by the children ie., art materials, STEAM, coding materials and equipment, music resources, mathematic equipment, computer software and i-pad apps, learning technology hardware and technical support, and of course printer consumables. Once again next year our students will continue to be enrolled in the Mathematics Numeracy program as well as Reading Eggs Literacy program both of which are an activity based, online resource that can be used at school, **at home**, independently and as a class.

We strongly recommend that you purchase your child's individual requirements from the school. You will pay more per item if you purchase them from retail stores. The balance between the cost of individual supplies and bulk supplies will vary from grade to grade. Note that there may be some items or services you cannot purchase yourself.

Excursion Levy

The Excursion Levy of \$80.00 is based on expected excursions and incursions which are planned throughout the school year. Parents are given the option to pay a lump sum of \$80.00 to cover year 2021 school excursions/incursions or pay as they occur throughout the year. This levy does not cover expected sport/interschool sports costs for Years 3-6, camps or swimming programs. Any remaining monies from one year are carried over to the following year.

Voluntary financial contributions which we invite parents and guardians to donate to the school are:

- **Grounds Maintenance Levy**

A voluntary Grounds Maintenance Levy of \$30 per family has been introduced to provide funding for the maintenance of our school grounds. Our school has been maintained by 'Waverley Helpmates' this year and the regular fortnightly maintenance has certainly increased the safety and attractiveness of our environment and to ensure that they are safe and attractive for our school community.

- **Building Fund**

Voluntary contributions to the Building Fund are tax deductible. School Council suggests a donation of \$30 per family. Larger or smaller donations may be made.

There is assistance in the form of

- CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/guardian's concession card being successfully validate with Centrelink on the first day of either term one 27th January 2021 or term two 19th April 2021. Forms available upon request from the school office.
- access to State Schools Relief Committee support via the principal to assist with clothing/uniforms

Payments can be made and children's supplies collected from the school office during office hours 8.30am-4pm from Monday 7th December until Friday 18th December. **The school office will re-open again on Wednesday 20th January 2021 prior to students commencing (office hours will be 8.30am-2.30pm). Please ring the office to organize time for collection 9763 9600.**

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit (visa/mastercard) and eftpos. If you would like to pay over the phone please ring 9763 9600.

We hope that this notice will clarify some of the questions parents may have. Families who do not have an immediate capacity to pay are also able to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the school. Should you require financial assistance please contact the school's business manager.

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