



## 2026 Parent Payments F-2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gilgai Plains Primary is looking forward to another wonderful year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Gilgai Plains' 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. However, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. In 2026, we move into our fifth year of operation and continue to welcome new students and families.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, whether that is through financial contributions, 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 purchase high quality learning materials and equipment across the school, offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

This year, parents are requested to

1. purchase educational items for students to own, via a Book Pack through KAKA KIDS
2. contribute to Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum that cannot be purchased through the Book List

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one page overview attached. Please read the information in this document carefully and if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Anthea Jamieson

Principal

Eirini Trajevski

School Council President

## **Educational items for students to own (Book Pack through KAKA KIDS)**

Attached is a list of items included in the book packs that the school recommends you purchase from KAKA Kids for your child to individually own and use. Please follow the instructions on the attachment to purchase the book packs **directly** from KAKA Kids.

**All individual packs will be clearly named and delivered to the student's classroom and available for collection from your child's teacher at your Meet the Teacher appointment on Wednesday 28th January in Term 1. Orders must be placed by Friday the 12th of December to avoid a late surcharge of \$14.95 and ensure it is delivered to the school for the beginning of 2026.**

## **Curriculum Consumables & Other Contributions (Please note; this amount is heavily subsidised by Gilgai Plains Primary School. Parents are asked to contribute a small percentage of the total cost)**

These include resources for Maths (PRIME) and PRIME assessment platform, DIBELS assessment platform, Little Learners Love Literacy, Resilience Project Program, AUSLAN online platform, Numbots subscription, Decodable Readers Australia subscription, Story Champs Program, Essential Assessment platform, and Specialist programs.

## **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (provided on a user pays basis)**

Gilgai Plains Primary 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. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities (excursions, incursions etc) will be advised and invoiced throughout the year.

## **Financial Support for Families**

Gilgai Plains Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- CSEF - The Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

**For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:**

**Business Manager: Kara Wilson**

Ph: 03 8779 0000 | Email: [gilgai.plains.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gilgai.plains.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## **Payment methods**

### **Curriculum Consumables & Other Contributions**

Paid to Gilgai Plains Primary school via,

1. Compass
2. Effpos at the school office

## **Kaka Kids Student Book Pack Ordering Instructions**

*Paid directly to KAKA Kids by following the ordering instructions:*

1. Visit: [www.gppsbt.sshop](http://www.gppsbt.sshop)
2. Go to: PURCHASE BOOKLISTS in menu heading
3. Enter: GP8779 in the Guest Area
4. Select the pack(s) you require for the 2026 School year
5. Enter the student's name and then add pack to the cart.
6. Proceed to checkout and complete personal and payment details
7. An order confirmation will be sent to your email address

*When placing an order for your child through the KaKa Kids website, you are required to put in their Compass Student ID. You can find this code by clicking on your child's profile, and listed in their personal information will be their Student ID. This Student ID will be 2 letters and 4 numbers, for example: ABC0001.*

### **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. All requests for refunds must be made in writing within a reasonable time frame.*

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<p><b><u>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</u></b></p> <p><b>Classroom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Maths</b> , calculators, mathematical concrete materials, Numbots online platform, PRIME online platform &amp; assessment portal, Essential Assessment online platform.</li> <li>● <b>English</b> - Little Learners Love Literacy additional resources, decodable texts, take home books, Decodable Readers Australia (DRA) online platform, Writing: Mentor texts, Story Champs online platform.</li> <li>● <b>Wellbeing</b> - Resilience Project Program</li> </ul> <p><b>Specialists &amp; Extra Curricular</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Art</b> - paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading, scissors, erasers, pencils, textas, ribbon, paper, posters.</li> <li>● <b>Innovation &amp; Design</b> - robotics, cooking supplies, books, classroom shared materials, resources.</li> <li>● <b>Science</b> - ingredients, books, shared classroom materials, paper, posters.</li> <li>● <b>Sport</b> - equipment.</li> <li>● <b>Auslan</b> - Stationary, online subscription.</li> <li>● <b>Performing Arts</b> - instruments, paper, posters.</li> </ul>	<p>\$20</p> <p>\$20</p>
<p><b>ICT Fund</b></p> <p><i>The Information Communication Technology funds will ensure we can continue to invest in ICT for all students to have 21st century learning opportunities in the classroom.</i></p> <p><i>Primary schools (unlike secondary schools) do not receive Commonwealth funding for technology.</i></p> <p><i>Gilgai Plains Primary School already spends a large portion of its budget on ICT, however additional support will enable us to grow our ICT program.</i></p>	<p>\$10</p>
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$50</b>

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	
School Photos	<b>The cost of these Extra-Curricular Items and Activities will be advised throughout the year</b>
Optional School Camp (selected years only)	
Optional Interschool Sports, Cross Country, and Athletics	
Other optional Incursions and Excursions to be scheduled	

# 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) 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

*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.