



## 2021 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent

Southern Autistic School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for your child's year level attached.

Southern Autistic School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

### Financial Support for Families

Southern Autistic School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) available for all eligible families
- State Schools Relief (SSR) support is available for uniforms/footwear (via the School Wellbeing Team)
- payment plans available through the School via Compass with equal payments

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, families are invited to contact the school for further information regarding support options.

### Payment Methods

Parents may choose to make payments in instalments, and will be provided with several methods of making payment including:

- A Compass payment plan (details to follow)
- Cash at the office
- EFTPOS card at the office, or over telephone 9563 8139
- Direct Deposit with your payment details to ensure correct allocation – school banking details available on your family statement

Parents are able to enter into confidential payment arrangements by contacting the Finance Manager or Business Manager:

Jeanette Winnell  
Finance Manager

Ph: 03 9563 8139 | Email: [Jeanette.Winnell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jeanette.Winnell@education.vic.gov.au)

Or

Susan Weir  
Business Manager

Ph: 03 9563 8139 | Email: [Susan.Weir@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Susan.Weir@education.vic.gov.au)

### Refunds

Please contact the school if you would like to discuss a refund of your payment.

### Department Parent Payment Policy

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

Yours sincerely,



**Bruce McPhate**  
Principal



**Rochelle Pettit**  
School Council President

## FEE SCHEDULE – EARLY EDUCATION (2-DAY PROGRAM)

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items for your child.

Due to the recent Department of Education and Training (DET) changes limiting Essential Student Learning Items, Southern Autistic School also welcomes voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child’s learning.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Communication Diary	\$11
Classroom Art/Craft consumables	\$48
Curriculum consumables	\$30
Incursions such as petting zoo and celebration events	\$11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100</b>

### Voluntary Contributions

Southern Autistic School welcomes your voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school’s important priorities for 2021 such as our specialist programs and Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy (SPOT) resources.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family
Play based therapy, SPOT resources	Yes	\$100

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

### Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount \$100
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount \$100
	<b>TOTAL \$200</b>

## FEE SCHEDULE – EARLY EDUCATION (3-DAY PROGRAM)

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items for your child.

Due to the recent Department of Education and Training (DET) changes limiting Essential Student Learning Items, Southern Autistic School also welcomes voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child's learning.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Communication Diary	\$11
Classroom Art/Craft consumables	\$72
Curriculum consumables	\$51
Incursions such as petting zoo and celebration events	\$16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150</b>

### Voluntary Contributions

Southern Autistic School welcomes your voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 such as our specialist programs and Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy (SPOT) resources.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family
Play based therapy, SPOT resources	Yes	\$150

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

### Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount \$150
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount \$150
	<b>TOTAL \$300</b>

## FEE SCHEDULE – JUNIOR SCHOOL

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items for your child.

Due to the recent Department of Education and Training (DET) changes limiting Essential Student Learning Items, Southern Autistic School also welcomes voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Communication Diary	\$11
Classroom Cooking and Art/Craft consumables	\$70
Subscriptions including Essential Assessment Numeracy and Literacy	\$8
Visual Arts consumables	\$8
Excursions/Incursions	\$40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$137</b>

### Voluntary Contributions

Southern Autistic School welcomes your voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 such as our specialist programs and Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy (SPOT) resources.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family
Specialist Programs such as swimming, PMP, Music and SPOT resources	Yes	\$138

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

### Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount \$137
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount \$138
	<b>TOTAL \$275</b>

## FEE SCHEDULE – LOWER SCHOOL

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items for your child.

Due to the recent Department of Education and Training (DET) changes limiting Essential Student Learning Items, Southern Autistic School also welcomes voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Communication Diary	\$11
Classroom Cooking and Art/Craft consumables	\$110
Subscriptions including Essential Assessment Numeracy and Literacy	\$8
Visual Arts consumables	\$8
STEM consumables	\$32
Excursions/Incursions	\$55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$224</b>

### Voluntary Contributions

Southern Autistic School welcomes your voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 such as our specialist programs and Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy (SPOT) resources.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family
Specialist Programs such as swimming, Physical Education, Music and SPOT resources	Yes	\$126

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

### Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount \$224
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount \$126
	<b>TOTAL \$350</b>



## FEE SCHEDULE – UPPER SCHOOL

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional items for your child.

Due to the recent Department of Education and Training (DET) changes limiting Essential Student Learning Items, Southern Autistic School also welcomes voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Communication Diary	\$11
Classroom Cooking and Art/Craft consumables	\$119
Subscriptions including Essential Assessment Numeracy and Literacy	\$8
Visual Arts consumables	\$8
STEM consumables	\$32
Excursions/Incursions	\$53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$231</b>

### Optional Items

Southern Autistic School offers an optional camp that is additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. This camp is designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camp may be scheduled in 2021.	Cost to be advised in 2021

### Voluntary Contributions

Southern Autistic School welcomes your voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 such as our specialist programs and Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy (SPOT) resources.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible ?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family
Specialist Programs such as swimming, Physical Education, Music and SPOT resources	Yes	\$119

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

**Parent Payment Charges**

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount \$231
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount \$119
	<b>TOTAL \$350</b>



## FEE SCHEDULE – SENIOR SCHOOL

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional items for your child.

Due to the recent Department of Education and Training (DET) changes limiting Essential Student Learning Items, Southern Autistic School also welcomes voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Communication Diary	\$11
Classroom Cooking and Art/Craft consumables	\$70
Subscriptions including Essential Assessment Numeracy and Literacy	\$8
MYKI Travel Training	\$34
Senior Physical Education including entry fees	\$51
Excursions/Incursions	\$134
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$308</b>

### Optional Items

Southern Autistic School offers an optional camp that is additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. This camp is designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camp as scheduled in 2021.	Cost to be advised in 2021

### Voluntary Contributions

Southern Autistic School welcomes your voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 such as our specialist programs and Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy (SPOT) resources.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible ?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family
Specialist Programs such as Media Arts and Recreation/Community Programs	Yes	\$67

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

### Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount \$308
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount \$67
	<b>TOTAL \$375</b>

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

#### Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

#### Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

#### Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



### 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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.