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SCHOOL BOOKLIST AND CHARGES FOR 2017

This notice is sent to you to provide you with an overview of the various school charges for 2017.

The Yinnar Primary School Council approves all school charges and voluntary contributions. Every effort is made to keep these charges to a very reasonable level and in so doing the charges and voluntary contributions remain the same as last year.

The government pays for teacher salaries, building maintenance, administration costs and some curriculum costs. The following list indicates items for which parents are required to provide or purchase:

- School uniform
- Student textbooks
- Print or resource materials in lieu of textbooks Yinnar Primary School endeavors to provide, for all of its pupils, an excellent curriculum program plus additional resources at minimal cost to parents. The levies and charges set out in this notice help the school maintain its quality programs and resources
- Student requisites and stationery
- Computer printing
- Programs provided by outside specialists
- Camps and Excursions
- Graduation Dinners
- School Photographs
- Materials used or consumed where a pupil takes possession of an article
Eg: Art,
- Higher cost programs/electives

School fees are an essential part of our school's funding. Without the revenue from school fees it would not be possible to provide many aspects of your child's education you have come to expect.

We strive to keep fees as low as possible. Our fees are lower than most other schools within our region and have remained the same for the past 3 years. **The fees are set on the assumption that all parents will pay the prescribed amount.**

1 child: \$190.00	(\$120 + \$70 library fund levy)
2 children: \$290.00	(\$120 for child 1 + \$100 for child 2 + \$70 library fund levy)
3 children: \$375.00	(\$120 for child 1 + \$100 for child 2 + \$85 for child 3 + \$70 library trust levy)
For each additional child	Add \$85.00 to \$375.00

The \$70.00 (per family) library fund portion of your fees is tax deductible and a voluntary contribution. We have some exciting projects planned for the Library in 2017, including some new furniture to allow for our Library to be a comfortable and relaxed reading area.

If you are having difficulty paying your fees please contact the Principal. We also offer parents the opportunity to set up a payment plan for payment of fees and camps, again this should be discussed with the Principal. Any such contact will remain strictly confidential. Payment of fees is not compulsory but it is important that we all pay our fair share.

The school purchases its classroom requisites in bulk and the cost savings are passed on to parents. Whilst seeking the best prices possible we also ensure that we acquire good quality products.

Please note that in some subjects teachers photocopy material rather than request parents to purchase text books. Booklist supplies can be purchased and collected from the Office on the date below. Parents are encouraged to take these items home for covering and naming. All booklist supplies should be brought to school with your child on the first day of school, **Tuesday 31st January**.

Collecting Booklists and Making Payment

As in previous years, we ask parents to pay fees during the week prior to the start of school. The school will be open Friday 27th January, from 8.30am to 4.00pm for payment of fees. Facilities for payment of fees by EFTPOS or credit card are available

Teachers and staff will return to school on Monday 30th January, 2017. Students commence on Tuesday 31st January, 2017.

Payment Arrangements

When making payment you can pay by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Prescribed School Charges for 2017

Area	Explanation	Cost
Book Pack for each Year Level	This charge covers the supply of a book pack. Includes all classroom items required by students throughout the year. Reader satchels are supplied to Prep children.	\$35
Class Materials	This includes tissues, printed materials and the supply of all consumable materials used in the classroom including art supplies.	\$45
Essential Learning Areas	<i>Maths, English, Info Technology, Art, Music Health & PE, Science and Studies of Society and Environment. These funds support the Areas of the curriculum that require disposable items such as Art/Craft materials, Science materials, cooking, disposable Maths items.</i>	\$40
Learning Portfolios	<i>All new students to Yinnar Primary School will require a Learning Portfolio which is used for their entire schooling at Yinnar and is a one off payment</i>	\$30

For new students entering the school Student Learning Portfolios are a significant tool for children self-regulating their learning. They will be able to visually see their journey to date, know where they currently are and, even more importantly, know the steps and learning they need to take on to reach their next goal. Portfolios are \$30.00 each – this is a one off payment, the portfolio will stay with your child right until the end of their school life at Yinnar Primary School.

School Events

<i>Additional School Activities</i> (These will be confirmed closer to the event. The charges listed below are subject to confirmation)		
Excursions 1 x Major Excursion per year	\$40.00	Prep/Junior/Middle Units
Excursions 1 x Minor End of Year Excursion	\$30.00	Prep/Junior/Middle Units
Camp Rumbug Foster 22 nd 24 th November, 2016	\$300 To be Confirmed. Payment plan can be arranged	Year 3 and 4.
Camp Sovereign Hill Ballarat 23 rd – 26 th May 2017	\$380 To Be Confirmed. Payment plan can be arranged	Year 5 and 6.
Life Ed 3 rd – 5 th May, 2017	\$10	Life Ed is held during May. Parents have the option of paying for these events at the time of the event.
Whole School Visiting Performances Dates to be Advised.	\$12	This charge is for two whole school visiting performances planned for 2017. Parents have the option of paying for these events at the time of the event
Yinnar & District Sports Day	\$4.50 per student	Cost of Affiliation with Yinnar & District Sports.
Grade 6 Commemorative Graduation Polo Shirt.	\$45.00 To Be Confirmed	Optional Item for purchase for families of students in Grade 6.

CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund)

Some families who hold current Health Care Card or other Concession Cards may be eligible for the Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or
- on the first day of Term three:
 - a) be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) runs over four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

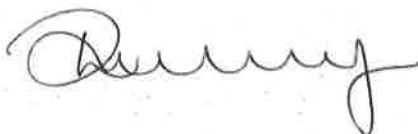
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school student. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

Victorian government Year 7 students (in 2017) who are CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for a uniform package.


Yours sincerely



Victor de Beer
School Council President



Lisa Dourley
School Council Member



Tamina Taylor
Principal

