

Friday, 20th October 2017



2018 School Levy Payment

Dear Parents,

Rolling Hills Primary School Council has the task of setting the educational goals for our school each year and as such, we follow the rationale from the Department of Education and Training (DET) policy:

School councils are able to request payments or contributions for education items and services from parents and guardians for students in Victorian government schools in the three categories – essential education items, optional education items and voluntary financial contributions.

Parent Payment Structure for 2018

School Council has set parent payments at **\$280 per student**. This equates to **less than \$7 per week per child and is the equivalent of one term's kinder fees**. The curriculum levy covers all essential educational items used directly by your child including stationery, photocopying, specialist material, computers and programs, affiliations, class book sets, take home books etc.

As per 2017, **excursions** are **NOT** included in this levy in 2018 and will be charged to families as they occur.

How your levy will be spent:

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| Bulk stationery supplies | \$50.00 |
| Core Curriculum (e.g.: English & Maths) | \$40.00 |
| Specialist Programs (e.g.: Visual Art, Performing Arts, Physical Ed and Chinese) | \$30.00 |
| Classroom Curriculum Programs (e.g.: Inquiry, Science, Library, Sustainability) | \$30.00 |
| ICT Consumables and Learning Programs | \$130.00 |
| TOTAL | \$280.00 |

When is the Levy Due?

An early-bird discount of \$20 per student will apply to all levies **paid in full by Friday 1st December 2017**; otherwise full fees are due by **Friday 2nd February 2018**.

Payment through Compass

We encourage you to pay your levies, either in full or by instalment, through Compass. If you choose to pay by instalments, your fees will be divided into four equal payments, which will be automatically debited from your nominated card on the following due dates, 01/12/17, 02/02/18, 20/04/18 and 15/06/18.

Other payment methods

CentrePay is available for families who qualify, through Centrelink, for this method of payment. Please contact the office for a deduction authority.

Direct Deposit to the school bank account, for either full payment or instalments. Please see the payment page for our bank account details.

Credit card (MasterCard and Visa) and EFTPOS payments are available via the payment page or at the office.

If your payment preference is not listed here, please contact Pam in the office to discuss your personal circumstances.

Please refer to the School Parent Payment Policy, located on our website, for further information.

Yours sincerely,

Robyn English
Principal

Fleur Cousins
School Council President

2018 Voluntary Contributions

Dear Parents

Grounds & Maintenance Levy

We are lucky enough to have a beautiful school environment. We rely heavily on community support to ensure this resource is well maintained. Each year we invite families to make a contribution to help with the costs associated with our grounds.

The Grounds and Maintenance levy is used to assist in maintaining the schools grounds, this includes larger scale works that cannot be completed at working bees. An example of this has been the installation of accessible pathways and maintenance of large trees. This \$50 levy is a voluntary payment, per family, which is separate to the school levy.

Chaplaincy Levy

For the last ten years, we have benefited from the services of our school Chaplain. This is a secular support program that supports individuals and school programs including:

- Lunchtime craft groups to develop positive social skills
- Attendance at camps and excursions
- Facilitating the year five leadership program
- Support for school events such as concerts, fundraising events, graduation
- Conducting positive self-esteem programs throughout the school at the start of each year
- Informal counselling
- Journeying with students who have experienced grief, worries, family sickness etc
- Facilitating the Seasons for Growth program on resilience skills
- Developing programs on a needs basis in consultation with the principal and assistant principal

Fiona Eadon holds this role at Rolling Hills PS. Whilst this was fully funded at the beginning of the program, over time, grants have reduced and we are now responsible for funding this program from within school finances. Many of our families have taken the opportunity to access our school Chaplain and we invite you to contribute to ensure that this invaluable resource is retained in 2018.

The Chaplaincy levy is used to contribute to the salary and program costs of our Chaplain. This \$50 levy is a voluntary payment, per family, which is separate to the school levy.

These two voluntary payments are suggested at \$50 each, however we would be grateful for any financial contribution you are able to make.

Payment of these two voluntary levies can be made on the school levy payment form. Please see that form for payment options.

Yours sincerely,



Robyn English

Principal



Fleur Cousins

School Council President



2018 Levy Payment

If you are making payments through Compass you do not need to complete the details on this page, otherwise, please return this page with your payment.

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to take advantage of the early-bird discount, you must pay the levies in full by Friday 1st December 2017.

Student Names: 1.
2.
3.
4.

School Levy 2018 \$280 x _____ students \$ _____

LESS
If Levies are paid in full by Friday, 1st December 2017 \$20 discount x _____ students -- \$ _____

Sub Total \$ _____

ADD
Grounds & Maintenance Levy (Voluntary) \$50 per family \$ _____

Chaplaincy Levy (Voluntary) \$50 per family \$ _____

Total \$ _____

To be paid by:

- Cash Cheque Card Direct Deposit to Bank Account (see details below)
- Instalments via Compass CentrePay (please contact the office)
- Alternative arrangements (please contact the office)

For **Direct Deposit** our bank account details are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank, Chirnside Park
BSB: 063 252
Account Number: 00901079
Account Name: Rolling Hills Primary School
Please use Reference: Levy "your last name".

Authority for Credit Card deduction:

School Levies 2018

I authorise the deduction of the amount as shown in **Total** (above) \$ _____

Youngest Student's Name: _____

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date: __ / __

Cardholder's Name: _____

Signature: _____