

Rolling Hills Primary School Parent Contributions 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

One of the great strengths of our community is its willingness to join together during difficult times and support those in who are most in need. It is an incredibly difficult time for many in our community. Some of our families are facing significant challenges, whether that is adapting to working or learning online, job losses or financial instability. The financial impact by the COVID-19 outbreak may not be known for many months. RHPS school council have reviewed the school's Parent Contributions for 2021. **To help support all families we have decided to reduce our Parent Contributions by \$50 for 2021.**

Some families are experiencing unexpected financial hardship. We have established the *RHPS Family Support Fund* for 2021. When paying your levies you will now have the option to offer assistance to another family through the **contribution of \$50 towards the RHPS Family Support Fund**. The funds will go towards paying for student's school Essential Student Learning Items /booklist pack in 2021 for families that are experiencing financial hardship. It is our intent to ensure that no student is disadvantaged. We are aiming to have all students start the first day of school with their booklist supplies and Essential Student Learning Items in 2021. If you are in a position to contribute it will make a difference to these students and families.

2021 Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items & Voluntary Contributions

The three areas for which parents may reasonably be requested to make a payment or contribution are:

- **Essential Student Learning Items** which parents/guardians are required to pay the school to provide or may provide themselves, for example stationery, textbooks and excursions i.e. travel and entry costs.
- **Optional Educational Items** are those items, such as school photos, excursions, incursions, camps, swimming and other activities or services that are offered in addition to the standard curriculum program. These are offered on a user-pays basis so if parents/guardians choose for their child to access or participate, parents are then required to pay. Camps are activities that are highly recommended for children to participate in and support the standard curriculum.
- **Voluntary Financial Contributions** are invited to be made by parents/guardians. The voluntary contributions or donations to the school are for a general or specific purpose that is identified by the school.

In addition to the school's Essential Student Learning Items, families will be required to purchase a Student Booklist Pack for each child prior to school starting in 2021. There are three options for payment/support:

1. Pay for the Booklist pack and Essential Student Items at <https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/Croydon>
2. Pay \$50 and set up a direct debit payment plan through Compass (which includes student booklist) by arrangement with Business Manager. This must be done through the school office, not online.
3. Financial Hardship – Please make an appointment with principal Craig Bradley craig.bradley@education.vic.gov.au

Families who wish to use option 2 must make contact with the Business Manager Jenine Farley before **Friday 20th November 2020** and will be required to pay \$50 per child and enter into a direct debit Agreement/Payment Plan through Compass.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss your circumstances and the options available to you, please contact the Business Manager, Jenine Farley on 9726 4454 or email jenine.farley@education.vic.gov.au to make an appointment.

Please refer to the Department's Parent Payment Policy, located at <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely



Craig Bradley
Principal



Jasmine Mishra
School Council President

2021 Essential Student Learning Items, Booklist, & Voluntary Contributions

When ordering your children's booklist pack for next year, payments for the 2021 School's Essential Student Learning Items are paid at the same time at <https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/Croydon>

Instructions for ordering are attached to this document.

Essential Student Learning Items	Cost
Classroom Programs: Inquiry, STEM, Library, Wellbeing, Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumables for these programs includes but not restricted to A3 & A4 paper/cardboard, paper circles ,kinder squares, tissue paper, wooden pop sticks, craft materials, glue, pipe cleaners, cellophane, feathers, glitter, cooking ingredients, stem building/project materials, classroom project materials, A3 & A4 laminating sheets, lined paper, merit stickers/stars, sticky tape, masking tape, pots, seeds & Wellness Journal. 	\$50.00
Literacy & Numeracy Programs (e.g. Maths English) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumables for these programs includes but not restricted to A3 & A4 paper/cardboard, paper circles ,kinder squares, tissue paper, wooden pop sticks, craft materials, glue, pipe cleaners, cellophane, feathers, glitter, cooking ingredients, stem building/project. 	\$38.00
Specialist Programs: Visual Art, Performing Arts, Phys Ed, LOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumables for these programs includes but not restricted to, paint, craft fibres- felt, fabric, a3 a4 paper/cardboard ,tissue paper, glue, crepe paper, cellophane, wooden pop sticks, paper plates, clay, pipe cleaners, sticky tape, masking tape, art folio, tiles, pots, a4 a3 laminating sheets, song book, display book, athletic ribbons, trophies, certificates. 	\$50.00
ICT Learning Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Subscriptions to SeeSaw, Squizya, Computer Software. 	\$70.00
Essential Student Learning Items - TOTAL	\$208.00
Student Booklist Pack purchased separately through https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/Croydon - dollar amount varies for each year level	Plus student Booklist Pack

Voluntary Financial Contributions	Voluntary Amount
RHPS Family Support Fund This fund is to provide Booklist Items/Essential Student Learning Items for families at our school unable to purchase these items due to demonstrated financial hardship.	\$50
Grounds & Maintenance Grounds and Maintenance contributions are used to assist in maintaining the school's grounds, this includes larger scale works that cannot be completed at working bees A contribution of \$50 is suggested, however, any contribution in increments of \$10 is welcome.	\$50
Chaplaincy For the last eleven years, we have benefited from the services of our school Chaplain. This is a secular support program that supports individuals and school programs. Whilst this was a 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 resources is retained in 2021. Chaplaincy contributions are used to contribute to the salary costs of our Chaplain. A contribution of \$50 is suggested, however, any contribution in increments of \$10 is welcome. <i>Note: Families who wish to make a voluntary Chaplaincy donation can also do this directly through Korus Connect at https://www.korusconnect.org.au/donate. Korus Connect will provide a tax-deductible receipt. Contributions directly to the school do not have tax-deductible status.</i>	\$50



Visual Art

Could parents please supply an Art Smock for each child (named).

Art Smocks can be purchased at any department store such as, Big W, Kmart, Op Shops or through online stores. If you have an old shirt at home, that be also suitable.

2021 BOOKLISTS

OPEN FOR ORDERING 12 October 2020

LAST DAY FOR ORDERING 31 December 2020

Please note – there will be **No Collection** for Student Orders – these will be delivered to the classroom and available on the first day of Term 1 2021.

ORDER ONLINE

1. Go to Booklist Website

booklist.officebrands.com.au/croydon

Enter School Access Code: **coolschool2021**

Select: [Create an Order](#)

2. Enter Details

Separate orders are required for each child

Enter your child's name (as printed on student labels if purchased) and select their class year for 2021

School pre-defined quantities for each product are displayed, but can be adjusted if required

When finished, click on: [Add order to Cart](#)

Review your order (click on: [Edit Order](#) if required)

Select: [Checkout](#) or [Add another Student](#)

3. Checkout

Enter your details

Select your Delivery/Collection option from the drop-down menu

Collect at school – **First Day of Term 1, 2021 will be given to students**

Click on: [Next](#)

4. Select your payment and submit your order

An email will be sent to the email address on your order with your purchase details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Last day for orders is 31 December 2020*

*Please note - \$15 late fee applies to orders received after **31 December 2020** and may not be available for the start of school.

Anyone experiencing financial hardship is invited to contact the school office **BEFORE 20 November 2020**.

Parents making alternative payment arrangements will be required to pay a deposit of \$50 per child and enter into an Agreement/Payment Plan. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential. The school office staff will place the order for you and set up 3 equal payments on Compass using your credit /debit card details.

We are here to help. Any problems just call us on 03 9839 8400

Booklists by ROSS OFFICE SUPPLIES. 11 Lacey Street, CROYDON, VIC, 3136