

2024 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Edi Upper Primary School



Dear Parent,

Edi Upper Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our school's parent payment arrangements for 2024. Please find the fee schedule for Foundation to Year 6 attached.

Edi Upper Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. To ensure all students have access to a free, high-quality education in all curriculum areas, the school provides all textbooks, access to computers and iPads, class materials and necessary stationary for all students. The school subsidises funding of camps so that the charge to parents is significantly less than the actual cost per child.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief
- Local community supports – such as Saver Plus scheme
- Assisting access to free second-hand uniforms (if available)

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

Claire Bradbury (Principal)

Phone:(03) 57293 560 Email: Claire.Bradbury@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Parents/carers are able to pay by cash or cheque at the school or by Electronic Funds Transfer –

Edi Upper Primary School Account number: 10089468 BSB: 063531

If you have difficulty making payments please contact the school principal (Claire Bradbury) or business manager (Pam Spencer) on (03) 57293 560 to discuss payment options. The school can offer flexible payment arrangements, payment plans or instalments.

Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis considering the individual circumstances. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Bradbury (Principal)

Janette Allen (School council president)

FEE SCHEDULE – FOUNDATION TO YEAR 6

Essential Student Learning Activities

Below is a list of activities which are essential for your child’s learning throughout the year. Please read the table below:

Essential Student Learning Activities	Amount
Local Excursions – Transport	\$50 per term
Performing Arts Excursion (Local or Melbourne) - TBC	\$40
Whole School Camp – venue TBC (Year F-6)	Approx. \$200 (Year F-6) – final amount TBC
Cluster Year 6 Leadership Camp at 15 Mile Creek Camp (Year 6)	\$125 (Year 6)
Cluster 15 Mile Creek Camp (Year 3-5)	\$60 (Year 3-5)
Whole School Sleep Over at school (Year F-6)	No charge
TOTAL	Year F-2 \$440 Year 3-5 \$500 Year 6 \$565

Optional Items

Edi Upper Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
Ski Camp – Falls Creek (<i>optional</i> for Year 5 - 6) - Term 3	\$250 approx.
<i>Optional leadership camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2024. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i>	<i>To be advised</i>
TOTAL	<i>To be advised</i>

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) including the VCE Vocational Major 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.