

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Hamlyn Views School Council has approved the parent payment charges for 2020. Please find below information for 2020 School Charges. Hamlyn Views School endeavours to keep costs for parents to a minimum.

Please find the itemised lists that includes:

- 1. Essential student learning items (those items that your child needs for school)
- 2. Optional Items (that you can choose whether your child participates in or accesses)
- 3. Voluntary Financial Contributions (this is at parent's discretion)

1. ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS In accordance with the "Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools" directives, our Essential Student Learning Items charge covers items which are essential for your child's schooling.			
Charge Item	Primary	Secondary	
	(Foundation/EY/MY)	(Later Years)	
Literacy & Numeracy - Materials	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	
Classroom materials	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	
Art materials	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	
Wellbeing materials	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00	
Classroom Cooking Programs	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	
Total 2020	\$150.00	\$200.00	

2. OPTIONAL ITEMS

May be offered on a user-pays basis and parents and guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates

Charge Item	Primary	Secondary
Attendant care needs (includes sunscreen, blueys, tissues etc)	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00
Total 2020	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00

3. VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS Parents and guardians are invited to make contributions to support the ongoing effective running and development of the school.		
Voluntary Financial Contribution: Hamlyn Views School Fund DGR (Endorsed Deductible Gift Recipient): (This is a voluntary contribution and is tax deductible for amounts of \$2 or more) Please fill in the amount you would like to contribute	\$	

IMPORTANT PARENT PAYMENT INFORMATION FOR 2020

Camps Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

In 2020, the CSEF amount is **\$125 for primary school students and \$225 for secondary school students**. Schools are required to use the CSEF payment for expenses relating to Camps, Sport and/or Excursions for the benefit of the eligible student. Payments will go directly to the school and be allocated to the student account.

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

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. The CSEF program for 2020 closes on 26 June 2020. Application forms are available at the school office.

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.

For those parents who are **not eligible** for the CSEF, commencing prepayments will help when excursions and camps are due.

We have set up CentrePay to assist families on a Health Care or Pension card.

Payment Options	Explanation	How to set this up	
CentrePay	Centrelink will take payments out of your fortnightly benefit and give it to the school. This can be done as a one off or regular payments.	 You can apply for Centrepay deductions: on line at <u>http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/serv</u> <u>ices/centrelink/centrepay</u>; or by by completing a Centrepay deduction form (available from the school office) 	
BPay	Payment made directly to the school by using your BPay Biller Code and Reference No. This can be done as a once off or regularly.	Statements will be sent home each term (this contains your BPay codes). BPAY is the preferred payment method	
Cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card	Cash or cheques directly to the office. EFTPOS machine at the office.	Please do not send large amounts of cash in your child's bag. Credit card payments need to be processed at the office or complete the payment slip below. We do not take credit card payments over the phone.	

PREPAYMENTS

Making regular payments can greatly assist parents with payment costs during the year. It may be as little as \$10 a week. Any spare money can be put on your account at any time. We can let you know approximately how much you need to pay regularly to cover your children's yearly expenses.

Prepayments can be made by:

- Setting up CentrePay (forms available at the school office)
- Setting up regular BPay payments
- Placing cash or a cheque in an envelope and sending it to school with your child

Any prepayments are receipted against your account and then allocated against fees as needed.

ASSISTANCE

If you would like a payment plan made, specifically suited to your family, to cover costs for the year please contact the Business Manager.

Please note that payment is not required until the start of the school year and you have the option to wait to receive your statement which will contain BPAY instructions.

Suzanne Armstrong Principal