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Dear Parent/Guardian

Endeavour Hills Specialist School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Endeavour Hills Specialist School voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. However, the kind and generous support you can provide will help ensure that we can offer the best possible education and support for our students, an outstanding range of facilities and resources for your child.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide the classroom and specialist subject materials for your child's learning, a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences, digital learning devices and online learning applications.

Endeavour Hills Specialist School is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. In order to claim this tax deduction, your donation needs to made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

For further information on the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy, please see a one-page overview attached.

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS BREAKDOWN:

School Contributions \$150 (Tax deductible!)

Educational Items for students to own (Stationary Pack) \$55.00 & \$75.00 (varies by year level)

Extra-Curricular Items – advised throughout the year via Compass

That's an average investment of \$5.37 per week towards your child's education over the course of the school year.

Details on how to make payments are outlined below.

School Contributions 2025 \$150 School Bank Account BSB 033-222

Account 018514

Educational Items 2025 \$55.00 and

\$77.00 (Varies by year level)

www.booklistsehss.com from Ka Ka Kids

Yours sincerely

Karen Hunt Principal Rebecca De Lima

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials, and equipment	
 Arts – paint, crayons, canvas, instruments etc 	
 Technology – gardening tool, plants etc 	
 Food tech – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc 	\$40
 Mathematics – numeracy blocks, counters, posters/charts, etc 	,
 English – classroom libraries and readers, paper, craft items, book boxes, etc 	
Sports – equipment, ribbons, etc	
Online subscriptions	
Reading Eggs	
Story Box	\$30
Mathletics	
Seesaw	
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$30
Whole school events – sporting carnivals, open mornings, book week, etc	\$10
Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions	\$110

Other Contributions – suggested tax -deductible contributions for non - curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs – breakfast club, parent webinars, guest speakers	\$15
Building maintenance and improvements	\$15
School grounds maintenance and improvements	
Total Other Contributions	\$40

	\$150
Total School Contribution	\$150

School contributions can be made by direct credit to Endeavour Hills Specialist School BSB 033-222 ACCOUNT 018514.

Educational items for students to own.

There are some items the school requests you purchase for your child to individually own and use (such as stationary items, headphones and student planners.) These items must be purchased from a third-party provider. For 2025, School Council recommends that you purchase through <u>Ka Ka Kids</u>. For a fast, simple and secure way to place your order visit <u>www.booklistsehss.com</u> and follow these steps:

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Visit: www.booklistsehss.com
- Go to: PURCHASE BOOKLISTS in menu heading
- Enter: ehss in the Guest Area
- Select the pack(s) you require for the 2025 School year
- Enter the student's name and then add pack to the cart.
- Proceed to checkout and complete personal and payment details
- An order confirmation will be sent to your email address

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis.

Endeavour Hills Specialist School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year via Compass.

Financial Support for Families

Endeavour Hills Specialist School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment Plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Camilo Bolivar

Business Manager on 03 9113 4100

Email: endeavour.hills.ss@education.vic.gov.au

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.