

PARENT PAYMENTS

RATIONALE

The Education & Training Reform Act 2006 empowers school councils to charge parents for goods and services used in the course of instruction of their children, as well as to raise funds. As the quality and variety of educational programs offered by our school are enhanced by doing so, our School Council requests payment from parents for certain student materials and service charges, and for modest voluntary financial contributions.

AIMS

To provide high quality learning opportunities for all students, by supplementing limited government funds with approved financial contributions and payments from parents.

IMPLEMENTATION

School Council, will each year, determine the applicable amounts that parents of students attending Lucas Primary School are requested to contribute towards Essential Student Learning Items and stationery pack purchase and optional Education Items.

The school will comply with the DET policy and guidelines for Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools 2008, and will undertake the implementation and administration of this policy in line with these guidelines.

Lucas Primary School will ensure parent payments are set at levels not exceeding the cost of the materials and / or services being provided.

Parent payments will only be set under the categories of Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Extras and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

A range of payment options will be freely available and flexible arrangements may be requested in special circumstances by contacting the Principal or Business Manager. Support and special arrangements can be offered.

CASES21 Finance package will be utilised at all times to accurately charge, receipt and record all transactions and provide reports / statements etc.

Parent student details will remain confidential and only used for legitimate purposes. Communications with parents will primarily be via the Compass school app, school newsletters and Family Statements.

Family Statements will be issued once per term and are available upon request.

All students will be treated equally and have access to the standard curriculum.

No collectors of any type, including debt collectors, will be used to obtain funds from parents or students.

The principal will ensure that all staff are aware of this policy and adhere to it.

EVALUATION

This school will monitor the effectiveness and impact of the implementation of this policy at least annually as part of its ongoing improvement.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 18.02.2021 and is scheduled for review in February annually.