

Parent Payment Policy

PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES

Preston North East Primary School does not charge for:

- **Essential Student Learning Items**

Preston North East Primary School does not ask for:

- **Voluntary Financial Contributions**

If not covered by the CSEF a charge of \$125 per student per year is levied for:

- **Optional Items**
Items, activities or services (ie excursions or incursions) that are offered in addition to or support instruction in the standard curriculum program. These are provided on a user-pays basis so that if parents choose to access them for students, they are required to pay for them.

It should be noted that this charge does not cover the costs of school camps or sister school visits. These amounts are charges separately.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND METHODS

- The Optional Items charge can be paid in instalments as negotiated with the nominated contact person (usually the Assistant Principal).

FAMILY SUPPORT OPTIONS

- Families may experience financial difficulties and may be unable to meet the full or part payments requested. At Preston North-East Primary School the Principal will exercise sensitivity to the differing financial circumstances of students and their families when considering parent payment fees. There are a range of support options available to support and assist parents. These can be accessed through ["Cost support for families."](#)

Consideration to hardship arrangements in respect to payment requests is provided to families experiencing long term hardship or short term crisis on a confidential, case by case basis. All schools have written hardship arrangements that include a proactive approach to providing support for parents experiencing financial difficulty.

At Preston North-East Primary School parents are provided the name and contact details of a nominated parent payment contact person (usually the Assistant Principal) at the school who they can discuss payment arrangements with.

CONSIDERATION OF HARDSHIP

- School Council will provide opportunities for all parents experiencing financial difficulties to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the principal

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

- Our Parent Payment Policy is communicated through the website, newsletter and to any new families on enrolment.

MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

- Our Parent Payment Policy is discussed at school council each November and then determined if it is to be continued for the following year.

Date of approval by School Council

February 18th 2019

To be reviewed by School Council

November 18th 2019