



Dear Parent

Carlton Gardens Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Carlton Gardens Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for 2021 attached. If you intend on purchasing the Backpack yourself you must contact the school by the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020 to obtain your child/children's Backpack list. Please note though – as we buy in bulk and our price excludes GST, you will be unlikely to find this pack cheaper anywhere else.

Carlton Gardens Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

For further details please refer to our Parent Payment Policy

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment Plans – these are available through the school via Compass.

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

Ph: 03 9663 6502 | Email: [carlton.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:carlton.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Payment Methods**

Payment via Compass

### **Refunds**

You must call the school office on 03 9663 6502 to discuss a refund on school fees if you think this applies to you.

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

Yours sincerely,

TINA MCDOUGALL  
Principal

## Fee schedule – PER GRADE LEVEL

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Carlton Gardens Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

If you plan on sourcing your own Backpack – please contact the school by the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020 to obtain a list of your child/children’s Backpack lists.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase the Backpack items through the school (our preferred method) or provide your own items.

Prep Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Bookpack	\$86
Digital Learning - subscriptions	\$69
Consumables (Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry)	\$60
Consumables (Art, Music, Chinese)	\$60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$275</b>

Grade 1/2/3/4/5/6 Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Bookpack	\$80
Digital Learning - subscriptions	\$75
Consumables (Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry)	\$60
Consumables (Art, Music, Chinese)	\$60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$275</b>

### Optional Items

Carlton Gardens Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are in addition to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. These items are on a term by term basis and will be forwarded to you prior to the time of the activity, staff will aim to provide at least six weeks’ notice where possible.

Optional Item	Amount
Camps, Excursions, Incursions scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
School Photos	To be advised
Grade 6 Jumpers	To be advised
Grade 6 Graduation	To be advised
Sporting Activities	To be advised
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ To be advised</b>

## Voluntary Contributions

Carlton Gardens Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. This can be done through Compass when paying for school fees.

You can make a general contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?
Building Fund	Yes
ICT Equipment Upgrade Fund	No
Grounds and Maintenance Fund	No

### **BUILDING FUND –**

#### ***WHAT IS IT AND WHAT CAN IT PAY FOR?***

A school building fund is solely for providing money for acquiring, constructing or maintaining the school building. Carlton Gardens Primary School has an approved Building Fund where parents can donate a nominated amount to improve the school building & facilities. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. With the new building works happening next year, the school must contribute their own funds to air-conditioning for all the new buildings. Your donations to this fund would be greatly appreciated.

### **ICT Equipment Upgrade FUND –**

#### ***WHAT IS IT AND WHAT CAN IT PAY FOR?***

An ICT equipment upgrade fund is solely for providing money for upgrading the schools current ICT equipment. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible.

### **Grounds & Maintenance FUND –**

#### ***WHAT IS IT AND WHAT CAN IT PAY FOR?***

A grounds and maintenance fund is solely for providing money for maintaining our school yard. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible.

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

***You will receive information about the payment of fees in the new year via Compass, payment cannot be made until then. If you have any questions regarding the 2021 Parent Payments please contact the office via email on [carlton.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:carlton.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or by calling 03 9663 6502***