

Dear families,

Soon you'll receive a letter on Compass and in your child's book bag from the school about Parent Payments for 2025.

Whilst described as voluntary financial contributions, in practice Parent Payments are **critical** to deliver the quality of education experience we aim for at GIPS.

Government funding covers the **minimum** for core teaching, leadership, teaching support, professional development, relief teaching, payroll tax and superannuation.



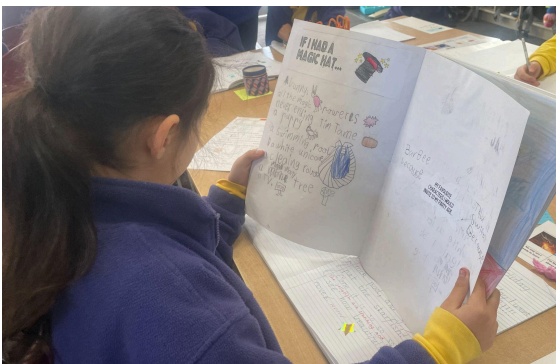
Parent Payments are needed to cover:

Curriculum consumables like paper, pencils, printing, photocopying, art supplies; plus wellbeing resources

Library and digital resources: books, readers, online learning subscriptions and updating iPads and laptops so they run current applications

Enhanced environment: maintaining our indoor and outdoor learning environments, to make the school safe and welcoming

Why they're so important



This past year, much lower contributions than usual left us with a shortfall of over \$100,000. This made it very challenging to deliver everything we aim high to provide at GIPS and put extra pressure on fundraising.

The good news is we've been able to avoid any increase in fees, through careful budgeting. We've also sense-checked against nearby schools and compare favourably.

At under \$15 per week, GIPS fees represent the best value education in Victoria.

Your options and support

If you cannot pay the full amount, please pay what you can. If you can give more, please do. Every dollar makes a difference. Flexible payment options are available and some contributions are tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for making your parent payments... it will make all the difference at GIPS for a fabulous 2025.

Kirsty Watts
School Council President