



# MOE (ALBERT STREET) PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Partnership, Respect, Optimism and Pride*

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Whilst the current school year is drawing to a close, we are very busy planning for a smooth start to the next school year.

**Important dates for the commencement of the 2021 school year are as follows:**

- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021: Staff Professional Development day (students do not attend)
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021: Payment and collection of Essential Student Learning Items (9:00am to 11:00am and 3pm to 5pm) - \$175 per student *or* \$20 per student for holders of current Health Care/Concession cards
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021: All students commence

## Essential Student Learning Items

When you send your child to a Government School, there are costs involved for the items and activities that are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. Therefore:

Parents are required to pay for **Essential Student Learning Items** including:

- Items which students take possession of, such as text books and student stationery
- Materials for learning and teaching where your child consumes or takes possession of the finished articles (for example, art, science, technology.)

More information can be found at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/school-costs.aspx>

We will purchase these Essential Education Items on your behalf to ensure consistency across the school and classrooms. If you choose to provide equivalent materials yourself, please do so in consultation with the school to ensure they meet the required specifications.

## Optional Items

During the school year, parents may also be asked to pay for optional items such as:

- Extra-curricular programs or activities offered in addition to the standard curriculum program (for example, instrumental music tuition)
- School excursions/incursions and camps
- Entry fees for school run performances, productions and events

The school is **not seeking voluntary financial contributions or donations from parents**, but **we do have a program of fundraising activities** during the year to assist with the purchase of additional equipment to enhance your child's learning experience.

## Financial Support

Considerable effort is made to keep the Essential Student Learning charge as low as possible for parents. The Moe (Albert St) School Council has determined the Essential Student Learning Items charge will be **\$175.00** per student for 2021.

According to the criteria set out below, School Council have approved discretionary financial support of \$155 (funded by DET) to assist families based on the following:

1. Parents must hold a current Health Care/Concession Card on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
2. Non Card holding parents may apply to the Principal (Dr Monique Osborn) for financial assistance if they feel they cannot meet these financial obligations

**Parents who qualify for financial support as mentioned above, will need to pay the difference of \$20 per student when collecting Essential Student Learning Items next year.**

See <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/school-costs.aspx> for more information.

## Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

In addition to the above Financial Support provided by DET, there is also CSEF, (The Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund) provided by The Victorian Government. The annual CSEF amount is \$125 for each primary school student and is provided to assist eligible families with the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works, and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

Parents who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school for use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for your child.

### How to Apply

A CSEF Application is attached or can be obtained from <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx> or the school's website.

**Closing Date June 2021.**

## Payment and Collection of 2021 Essential Student Learning Items Packs

Essential Student Learning Items packs will be ready for collection from the school's Library on:

- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 9:00 am to 11:00am and 3pm until 5pm


Once payment has been received at the office, a receipt will be issued, which will then be exchanged for your child's Essential Student Learning Items Pack in the Library.

**As each child is responsible for their own learning items, please clearly name each item. ALL supplies need to be brought to school for use on the first day of the school year.**

We look forward to your involvement and support at Moe (Albert Street) Primary School in 2021



Monique Osborn  
Principal



Al Kurzawa  
School Council President