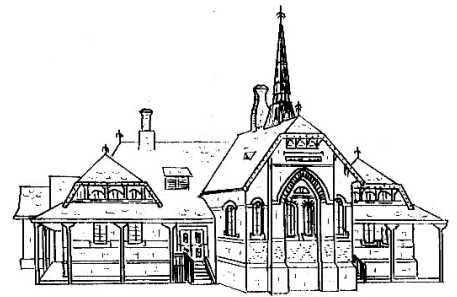
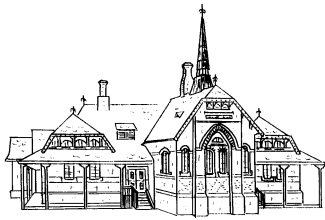


CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL



*2026 Voluntary Financial
Contributions*

FOUNDATION STUDENTS



CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 123

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

California Gully Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of California Gully Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the standard Victoria curriculum. We want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support from our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time – we appreciate it greatly. This is a profound and positive impact on our school and the programs we are able to offer.

Within our school, this support allows us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is highly valued by our school community. The commitment and contributions from parents benefit students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning.

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

Yours sincerely,

ANDREW FRAWLEY
PRINCIPAL

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$25.00) • Inquiry – consumable materials for example: food & grocery items, craft items, materials for construction (\$15.00)	\$40.00
Online subscriptions • Little Learners Online	\$28.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$68.00

Educational items for students to own

California Gully Primary School recommends you purchase from Education Plus for your child to individually own and use.

2026 Booklists are available at www.edplus.com.au

School Code: **CGP02026T**

Please ensure you select the correct student year level for 2026

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

California Gully Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year as they occur. Many of these costs are not known at this stage due to the Positive Start Funding that schools have been offered in 2022 and 2023.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Interschool sports program	\$TBA
Excursion to be scheduled	\$TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR) (may cover the cost of new school uniforms and shoes for disadvantaged students. Parents or Carers who require assistance will need to make an appointment with our Well-Being Officer to discuss this situation.)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities are available at all times.

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

Andrew Frawley (Principal)

Nicole Cooper (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 5446 8393 | Email: California.Gully.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Costs will be kept to a minimum with payment requests fair and reasonable.

To assist parents/guardians, payment options are flexible - full payment or in instalments.

Alternative payments options are available through the school and parents/guardians are encouraged to make use of these options which include:

- Direct Deposit into school bank account
- Cash
- EFTPOS
- CentrePay.

In 2025 parents who were deemed eligible became recipients of the governments Camps, Sports and Excursion (CSEF) payment of \$150. *Due to the impacts of COVID-19 throughout 2020-2021 not all this money was used during 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 and the funds are carried over for use in 2026.*

The CSEF payment will again be available in 2026. The money is forwarded directly to the school and will assist families to pay for Incursions and minor excursions.

Payment arrangement can be made in 2026 as indicated below.

Monday January 19th Parent Contributions can be paid

Tuesday January 20th Parent Contributions can be paid

Wednesday January 21st Parent Contributions can be paid

Parents who are eligible for the CSEF are advised to complete the application form on these three days.

Full or part payments is requested to be made by Friday February 6th. (If you elect to pay your parent contributions in instalments final payment is requested by Wednesday July 17th).

▪ Parents who hold a current Health Care Card are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund(CSEF). The CSEF will cover a portion of the costs associated with the Incursions & Minor Excursions Charge and Sports Events Charge. To obtain the CSEF the Application Form needs to be completed, and the Health Care Card needs to be presented to the school office before **Friday February 6th**.

Please ensure you contact Andrew Frawley if you require clarification or wish to discuss any aspect of this dimension of our school program.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department of Education and Training Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

- Refund requests must be made in writing within 14 days of the event or student exit from the school. A Refund Request Form is available from the office on request.
- A request refund does not automatically equate to a full refund of monies paid.
- When required, payment of refunds will be made via direct deposit into a nominated bank account. No cash refunds will be given.
- Students withdrawing from camps, excursions and incursions will not automatically be entitled to a refund.
- A refund (less any non-refundable deposit) may be payable to the parent/guardian if the Principal deems the withdrawal from the activity is due to unavoidable circumstances i.e., illness. Proof may be required e.g., medical certificate.
- Where the school is charged for the provision of a program as a bulk cost and not per head cost, no refund/credit is able to be given.

FOUNDATION STUDENT STATIONERY PACK

Product Description	Quantity
Protext Mini Scrapbook 100gsm 64 page, PVC Cover	1
Protext Scrapbook 100gsm 64 page, PVC Cover	3
Writer Play Book 64 page plain 1 side/18mm solid ruled & margin 1 side	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Noris Jumbo Triangular Coloured Pencils Packet of 12	1
Crayola Crayons Twistables Pack/12	1
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker – Black Bullet Tip	2
Staedtler Noris Maxi Learner 2B Grey Lead Pencil	3
Display Book A4 20 Pocket Refillable, Clear Front	1
Slimpic Foolscap Document Wallet - Yellow	2
Marbig Clipfolder A4 PVC – Summer Colour	1
Bostick Gluestick – 35gms	2
Kinder Scissors 135mm (<i>Left or Right</i>)	1
Marbig Document Wallet – Clear	2
Little Learners Love Literacy Home Reading Journal – Foundation	1
Little Learners Love Literacy Stages 1-4 Workbooks (set/4)	1
A5 Mesh Pouch with Zipper	1
Total	\$106.55

**Your 2026 school booklist can be purchased online at Education Plus.
Booklist must be completed online by Friday December 12th, 2025
To complete online go to: www.edplus.com.au Your school login code is:
CGP02026T**

Click on the “Booklist” tab in the top menu, then enter the code above in the “Code” box. Press enter, follow the instructions to complete your order. Make sure you go all the way to the “Place Order” tab. Once you have done this you should receive a confirmation email confirming your order, if you do not receive this email please contact our store. Payment is required when placing your order. All orders will be sent to school for distribution.

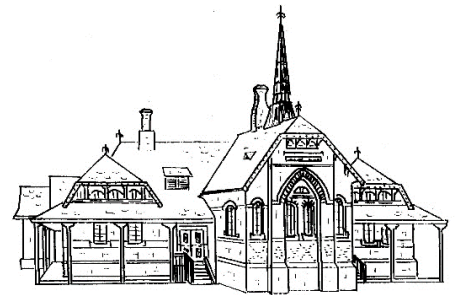
Form Checklist

The following form needs to be completed online, www.edplus.com.au by Friday December 12th 2025:

- General Stationery Requirements

The following form needs to be returned to the school office by Friday February 6th 2026:

- Camps Sports and Excursion (CSEF) Form



*FOUNDATION
STUDENTS*

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY

School Name

School Ref ID

Parent/carer details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster Parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)** **OR** ☐ Special Consideration

*Foster Parents must provide a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) is required as evidence).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the CSEF and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the CSEF can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the CSEF provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the CSEF may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____/____/202__

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card.
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card). For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#).
- A parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means tested card but are not considered a mature minor.

Applications must be submitted to the school by the end of Term 2.

Where the parent or carer is seeking eligibility based on an eligible financially means-tested card, eligibility will be determined when the relevant concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 1 or Term 2.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school.

CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists and should be made through the application form. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Eligible means tested cards

The full list of eligible concession and health care cards is available on the [Services Australia](#) website.

Eligibility date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)).

Payment amounts

CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by parent/carer

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) is required as evidence. If you are claiming a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Your data is securely managed and only shared with third parties when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: [Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au](#)

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.