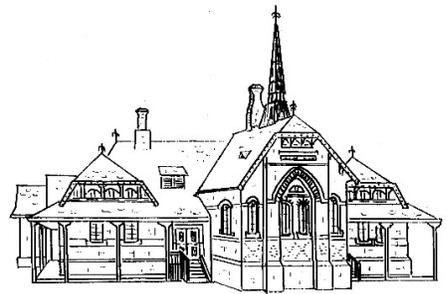
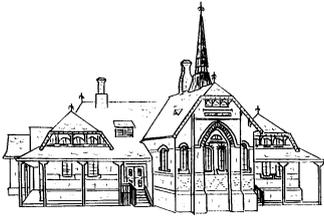


CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL



*2023 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 2023.

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

ANDREW McHARDY
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Online (\$4.00) • Reading Eggs (\$14.00) 	\$18.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$58.00

Educational items for students to own

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

2023 Booklists are available at www.edplus.com.au
 School Code: **CALPRI2023M**

Please ensure you select the correct student year level for 2023

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 school's have been offered in 2022 and 2023.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School camp for children in Grades Three to Six	\$TBA
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 2022 parents who were deemed eligible became recipients of the governments Camps, Sports and Excursion (CSEF) payment of \$125. *Due to the impacts of COVID-19 throughout 2020-2021 not all this money was used during 2022 and the funds are carried over for use in 2023.*

The CSEF payment will again be available in 2023. 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 2023 as indicated below.

Monday January 16th Parent Contributions can be paid

Wednesday January 18th Parent Contributions can be paid

Thursday January 19th 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 3rd. (If you elect to pay your parent contributions in instalments final payment is requested by Wednesday July 19th).

▪ 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 3rd**.

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
Spirax #113 A4 Exercise Book 48 page 18mm Ruled	2
Protex Mini Scrapbook 100gsm 64 page, PVC Cover	2
Protex Scrapbook 100gsm 64 page, PVC Cover	4
Faber Castell Connector Textas Pack/12	1
Crayola Crayons Twistables Pack/12	1
Formative Coloured Pencils Pack/10	1
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker – Black Bullet Tip	2
Staedtler Noris Maxi Learner 2B Grey Lead Pencil	3
Black Art Markers	2
Display Book A4 20 Pocket Refillable, Clear Front	1
Slimpic Foolscap Document Wallet Manilla	2
Marbig Clipfolder A4 PVC – Summer Colour	1
Bostick Gluestick – 35gms	3
Shintaro Headset Lightweight Stereo Headphones	1
Kinder Scissors 135mm (<i>Left or Right</i>)	1
A4 Whiteboard	1
Marbig Document Wallet – Clear	2
Kluwell My Home Reading Journal – Yellow	1
A5 Mesh Pouch with Zipper	1
Total	\$70.40

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

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

- - - **OR**

Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

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

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

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

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET 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 DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 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 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to 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 ____/____/____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

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

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
- on the first day of Term two

- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

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 temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

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. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.

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2023 BOOKPACKS

Your 2023 school book pack can be purchased on line at Education Plus.

All orders will be sent to the school for distribution.

Orders will not be sent to personal addresses.

Booklist must be completed online by

**Friday 16th December 2022 to ensure delivery before
the start of the school year.**

Any orders after this date will incur a delivery fee of \$15.00

To complete on line go to:

www.edplus.com.au

Your school login details are:

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Click on the “Booklist” tab in the top menu, then enter the code above in the “Code” box. Press enter and follow the instructions to complete you 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.



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