S300-2008 Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools

Main Points

- In October 2007 the Department released a revised Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools policy to provide greater clarity about the type of educational items or services parents may be requested to pay for under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

- Since then an audit has been undertaken to determine the level of compliance with the policy and to identify support required by schools.

- The audit found that schools required additional support and that this should be provided in a timely fashion.

- These findings have been considered and the Department’s policy has been updated to include further support information, including a more extensive list of essential education items and optional extras, and a parent information template letter.

- This policy replaces the version released on 4 October 2007 (Circular S381-2007).

Actions Required

- Principals and school councils should familiarise themselves with the updated Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools policy to ensure that their school-level parent payment policy is fully compliant with this Departmental policy.

Critical Dates

- The school-level policy needs to be developed and approved by school council and made available to parents at least 6 weeks prior to the end of the 2008 school year.
Additional Information

- The Department’s policy is available at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/parentpayments.htm

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