



2024 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parent/Carer,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the parent payment arrangements for next year.

Warrnambool East Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of your child's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions fund (CSEF) – Families who qualify with a health care card may access CSEF funding towards camps, swimming, and excursions. Application for this will be required each year and parents will be advised when applications are accepted. For each primary school student who qualifies, the school will receive \$125 which will be credited towards camps, sport, swimming, and excursions.
- State Schools Relief – SSR provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist), on the advice of the school. Schools are able to submit an application directly, whenever they believe there is a need to support a student whose family/carers are facing difficulty in providing the appropriate uniform, footwear or educational items for attending school.
- Second hand uniforms onsite (when available)
- We encourage payment plans and can have money directed from Centrelink using Centrepay.

For a discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact: Leanne Ross on 5562 4100 or by email leanne.ross@education.vic.gov.au

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

Yours sincerely,

Marina Milich
Principal

Clinton Hill
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"> Classroom Requisites - craft paper, workbooks, pencils, pencil case, highlighters, sharpener, diary / log book, whiteboards, whiteboard markers, book boxes, crayons/pastels, numeracy blocks, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Art, STEM, Performing Arts, Science, Discovery/Inquiry, Sports - craft paper, glitter, paint, flour, oil, sugar, eggs, baking soda, seasonal and other ingredients, propagation materials, sport equipment 	\$100 \$60
Online Subscriptions and Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM / Sunshine Reading online / Seesaw 	\$35
Swimming / Winter Sports / PE Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep-Year 6 Swimming (subsidised by DET – full cost is \$100) Sports & Physical Education Program 	\$60
Total Amount	\$255

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Warrnambool East Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Excursions 1 per term per class	\$40
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Specialist incursion or excursion	\$40
Swimming - additional lessons	\$30
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$150

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$255
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$150

Total of Parent Payment Charges Per Child	\$405
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Other Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Camps & Major Excursions <i>Parents will be notified of confirmed camp cost and payment arrangement during the year</i>	Approximate Amount
Year 6 Camp	\$430
Year 5 Extended Day Excursion	\$50
Year 4 Camp	\$300
Year 3 Extended Day Excursion	\$50
Year 2 Twilight School	\$20

Payment Methods

Compass – Please log into your account for various payment options

BPay – Please contact the school office for Biller Code and Reference Number

Direct Deposit – **Account Name:** Warrnambool East PS,
BSB: 063-093 **A/c:** 10000626
Reference: Surname / Student ID

Centrepay – Please contact school for forms

Cash/Cheque – in person at school office

Eftpos – in person or over the phone

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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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.