



Parent Voluntary Financial Contribution 2024 – Grade 3

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ringwood North Primary is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ringwood North Primary voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. The *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* provides that teaching in the standard curriculum program is delivered free to all students in Victorian Government schools; this is referred to as 'free instruction'.

Free instruction includes:

- learning and teaching
- instructional supports
- administration
- facilities associated with providing the standard curriculum program of core learning and teaching activities.

Ringwood North Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

The ongoing support of our families, however, 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.

What has this support meant?

This support has allowed us to maintain and enhance our school grounds and facilities by installing new areas for students; upgrade areas with items such as shade sails; and renew outdoor surfaces or develop new functional spaces in learning areas.

In the classroom we can maintain and improve technology options for students to explore, such as: robotics, 3D printing and electronics.

Our specialist programs have been enriched with more instruments and supported choir and ensemble programs in music, team uniforms and specialised equipment that challenges and motivates students. We have been able to provide additional wellbeing options for students experiencing social and emotional difficulties, and to ensure teachers are able to implement the best strategies to support students throughout the school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Chatterton
Principal

Jacqueline Ferguson
School Council President



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| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <p>Grade 3 classroom consumables, materials & equipment include the following</p> <p>Reading Books, friendship journal, glue sticks, exercise books (various ruled), scrap books, jumbo scrap books, triangular pencils, pencil case, key tags, cursive handwriting book, home reading journal, scissors, red checking pencil, dotted thirds, marker pens, jumbo scrap book, coloured pencils, highlighter, erasers, drawing pens, pencil sharpener, insert binder, colouring pens, post-it note cube, ruler, fine liner pen, reinforced refills-lined, ball point pens – black, red, blue.</p> <p>Learning Specialist Supplies including the following items:</p> <p>Scrapbook, jumbo scrapbook, stickers, exercise books, fine liners, Texta's, pencils, clay, craft paper, craft card, pom-poms, chenille sticks, water colour paint, ceramic paint, crayons, jumbo crayons, HB pencils, dye, erasers, wool, thread, material, craft card, craft paper, brush</p> | \$165.00 |
| <p><i>Year Grade 3 Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Matific – online maths subscription</i> • <i>Online Library</i> • <i>Friendship Journal</i> | \$15.00 \$ 8.00 \$10.00 |
| Total Amount | 198.00 |

Ringwood North Primary School continues to welcome other Contributions to support our school.

You can make a contribution that goes towards all of our schools' important priorities for 2024 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make another contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below

| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
|--|----------|
| <i>Parents, please select one option. Further details attached (Pg 5)</i> | |
| <i>Level A</i> <i>or</i> | \$105.00 |
| <i>Level B</i> <i>or</i> | \$200.00 |
| <i>Level C</i> | \$295.00 |
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Ringwood North 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 | Purchase (Please tick) |
|---|--------|---------------------------|
| <i>Excursions / Incursions /Activities - notices to be sent out to parents through the Compass portal before the excursion / incursion advising parents of the cost</i> | \$ TBA | |
| Swimming - (Prep to Gr2 & Gr5 Only) – notices to be sent out to parents through the Compass Portal before excursion advising parents of the cost | \$TBA | |
| Extra-Curricular programs e.g., Choir, Sport, Electives | \$TBA | |
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| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | | \$ |

Financial Support for Families

Ringwood North 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 School Relief -uniform supply

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Ricarda Lillis, Business Manager Ph: 03 9876 3411

Total

| Category | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$ |
| Other Contributions | \$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$ |



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Payment methods

All parent payments can be made by Compass (preferred method), cash, and cheque or debit/credit card at the school's office.

| CREDIT CARD PAYMENT SLIP | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Please find enclosed payment of \$ _____ | | | |
| Child's name _____ | | Grade _____ | |
| CARD HOLDERS NAME _____ | | EXPIRY DATE ____ / ____ | |
| CREDIT CARD NO: | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| (16 digits) | | | |
| SIGNATURE: _____ | PHONE: _____ | DATE ____ / ____ /20__ | |

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's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and Ringwood North Primary School Refund Policy.



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Voluntary contributions - these contributions help to provide services and programs that are not funded by the government

Maintain and Repair: \$105 (Minimum RNPS needs from the school community for basic maintenance and repair \$38,500.00)

At this level, your contribution supports the school to maintain existing facilities in the school such as air conditioning, maintaining the school oval and keeping gardens neat and tidy. In the classroom, we are able to maintain sets of reading books and concrete materials (such as maths kits) for instruction, as well as repairing or replacing broken student furniture.

Enhance: \$200.00 (Minimum RNPS needs from the school community for enhanced maintenance and repair \$55,000.00)

At this level, you support the school to not only maintain our existing services but make improvements over time. For grounds and facilities, this allows us to improve items not just so they are safe but attractive and entertaining for students, too: this includes replacing carpet in the classrooms, painting, and improving pathways. In the classroom, this allows us to ensure teachers have effective tools for modern teaching, including screens for sharing and displaying media, small groups of iPads in junior classrooms, and enhanced concrete materials. It also allows us to provide class sets of musical instruments for music lessons and sufficient items for physical education. This level of contribution also allows us to subsidise the chaplaincy program to support students enduring difficult moments in their life.

Innovate: \$295.00 (Minimum RNPS needs from the school community to complete additional enhancements beyond routine maintenance and repair \$82,500.00)

At this level, your contribution not only maintains and enhances our school but supports new and exciting activities in the school. For grounds and facilities, we can: plan and design new and enhanced play areas for students, upgrade areas with items such as shade sails and renewed surfaces outdoors or new functional spaces in learning areas. In the classroom we can: maintain and improve technology options for students to explore, such as robotics, 3D printing and electronics; we can also ensure that teachers have the most functional and effective ways to manage resources in the classroom and get creative with new and innovative ways to teach concepts. This also allows us to enrich our specialist offerings, with more instruments and supported choir and ensemble programs in music, sports uniforms and specialised equipment that challenge and motivate students. At this level, we can start to enhance our wellbeing options for students and explore further subsidised assistance with allied health professionals to ensure teachers have the best strategies to support students throughout the school.

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.