



7th November 2025

RE: 2026 PARENT PAYMENTS

Dear Families,

Whittlesea Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of its voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the Victorian Curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, our families' ongoing support ensures that our school can offer our students the best possible education. We want to thank all our school community members for their continuing support, whether through fundraising or volunteering. This has made a significant difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, this support allows the school to:

- Offer a wide range of curriculum learning areas, specialist subjects and various adaptive learning experiences for all students across all year levels.
- Purchase and maintenance of digital devices, such as Laptops, iPads and applications, to support technology use and promote digital citizenship to enhance learning outcomes
- Purchase of equipment to support the specialist subject implementation, such as sports equipment for Physical Education/Sport, PE Boost/Perceptual Motor Skills Program (PMP) (F-2), Language provision (TBC), STEM (Years 3-6), Arts supplies, Inquiry resources, Developmental Play (F-2), Wellbeing Programs (Respectful Relationships, Friendology & The Resilience Project), enrichment opportunities and student excellence initiatives.
- Develop outdoor structures and learning spaces with a variety of seating/outdoor options.
- Refurbishment and beautification of school spaces, rooms and grounds, including walkways, gardens, signage, and shared student /communal areas.

Please also see the attached one-page overview for further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy.

Kind regards,

Kaylene Kubeil
Principal

Lyle Winter
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – Items and activities that students use or participate in to access the Curriculum		Amount
Foundation - Year 6: Classroom consumables, materials & equipment for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General shared items (including classroom stationery) • Literacy and Numeracy shared resources • School-Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS) • Social & Emotional Learning - including Respectful Relationships, Friendology & The Resilience Project) and resources • Inquiry Learning Supplies • Specialist Learning Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Arts - <i>paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, etc.</i> ○ Physical Education (F-6), PE Boost / PMP (F-2) ○ Language provision (TBC) ○ Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM) <p>These consumables, materials and equipment will enable your child to participate in the classroom and learn the essential curriculum as guided by Whittlesea Primary School.</p>		\$130
Digital Technologies Provision, Insurance and Maintenance of shared devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School Laptops, iPads, Bee-Bots, Spheroes, 3D printer/printing materials, Lego Robotics, software, etc.</i> 		\$25
School Online Subscriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Mash (F-6) • Little Learners Love Literacy (F-2) • Sunshine Online (F-6) • Reading Eggs & Mathletics (Yrs 3- 6) • Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) (F-6) • Essential Assessments - Numeracy (F-6) 		\$30
Printing and/or photocopying of worksheets and learning materials		\$15
Total Curriculum Contributions		\$200

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Wellbeing (Social and Emotional Learning) Programs, Learning enrichment/extension opportunities, and excellence initiatives.	\$30
First aid Equipment & Supplies (including Band-aids, Tissues & Sanitiser, etc.)	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$50

Tax-deductible contributions: Building fund	
A tax-deductible optional contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (Suggested minimum - \$50).	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities:

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

These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Foundation Excursions and Incursions to be scheduled each Term	\$ TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA

Financial Support for Families

Whittlesea 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) for eligible students
- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services or to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our School Business Manager, Angela Kilvington, at 9716 2140 or Angela.kilvington@education.vic.gov.au.

Alternatively, please also contact the school email: whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Summary (Total)

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 200
Other Contributions	\$ 50
Building Fund suggested amount \$50 (Tax Deductible)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments are essential to maintaining the quality of education we provide at Whittlesea Primary School. For educational items, payments can be made directly to the school via Compass Pay or at the office. Incursion/Excursion payments can also be made via Compass Portal or the school office. (EFT only)

Refunds

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

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.