

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Waverley Meadows Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our school's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that contributions are voluntary. However, this does not provide for curriculum consumables and other classroom materials. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We thank you for all your continued support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, your support in 2023 has allowed us to provide:

- AUSLAN; School wide curriculum program
- Pirates of the Curry Bean – School Production
- Maths Talent Quest (P-6)
- Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (inc. Catered lunch for class winners – Prep/1 ED)
- Health, Fitness & Wellbeing programs (inc. I am Mindful, Trailblazers & Kilometre Club)

Some of the school improvements planned for 2024 and beyond include:

- Upgrading the Basketball & Netball hardcourt area.
- Upgrades to toilet facilities.
- Installing additional CCTV cameras.
- Improved IT services.
- External fencing to perimeter to school.

Please find in the following pages, Waverley Meadows Primary Schools financial contribution schedule for 2024, which provides an overview of what your contributions will be allocated to.

Families are asked to please review the recommended financial contributions schedule for a better indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

We thank you greatly for your support in enabling our school to continue to grow.

Yours sincerely,



Meredith Thornton
Principal



Jennifer Coles
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions (per student)		Annual amount (per student)
Items that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		
Curriculum Consumables	<p><i>General classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Student stationery packs (eg. display books, folders, writing pads, pens, highlighters, erasers, glue sticks, ruler, sharpener etc).</i> • <i>Shared classroom supplies (eg, craft items, charts, shared stationery)</i> • <i>Consumables in specialist areas, including;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art (paint, crayons, cardboard, paper etc)</i> - <i>Science, Technology (STEM kits)</i> - <i>Mathematics (Numeracy blocks, counters, dice)</i> - <i>English (book boxes, class sets, readers)</i> - <i>P.E. equipment (balls, bats, nets, cones)</i> - <i>Music (books, instruments)</i> • <i>ICT devices & equipment – from shared classroom sets</i> • <i>Printing, photocopying, laminating & learning materials</i> 	\$240
Technology & Communications software	<p><i>Online subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Compass (Communication tools for students & families)</i> • <i>The Resilience Project</i> • <i>Essential Assessments – Numeracy</i> • <i>Top 10 Maths</i> • <i>Progressive Achievement Test (PAT-M); Maths</i> • <i>Progressive Achievement Test (PAT-R); Comprehension, Vocabulary, Spelling</i> • <i>Scriibi - Literacy</i> • <i>Library (SCIS & Softlink)</i> • <i>Storybox</i> 	\$75
School Sport Victoria (SSV) membership	<p><i>Monash NEVR Affiliation (Yr3-6) and, Wellington District Sports (Yr5-6)</i></p>	\$15 ea.
Total Curriculum Contributions		<p>\$315 (Yr P-2) \$330 (Yr 3-4) \$345 (Yr 5-6)</p>

Tax deductible contributions		
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	<i>(Suggested - \$50 per family)</i>	TBA
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other items that support the library as a valuable student resource.	<i>(Suggested - \$50 per family)</i>	TBA

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Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Annual amount (per student)
School grounds maintenance and improvements. <i>(Suggested - \$50 per family)</i>	TBA
Fundraising Contribution: <i>To purchase items not provided by the DET. Our main fundraising item for 2024 will be the surface upgrade to our existing basketball hardcourts.</i> <i>(Suggested - \$50 per family)</i>	TBA
Kids Helping Kids: <i>To support student wellbeing programs that assist families demonstrating financial hardship. This enables students to attend school camp and/or excursions where else they may miss out).</i> <i>(Suggested - \$25 per family)</i>	TBA
First aid supplies <i>(inc. saline solution, Band-Aids, bandages, cotton pads, ice packs, spare asthma meds, spare EpiPens for anaphylaxis etc).</i> <i>(Suggested - \$5 per family)</i>	TBA
Total Other Contributions	\$ TBA

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Waverley Meadows 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.

Details of these extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year. These are provided as an Opt-In item and as such, are strictly user-pays.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Annual amount (per student)
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program <i>(Years 3 to Year 6 only for 2024)</i> <i>We're excited to welcome back the SAKG program in 2024. It's a hands-on learning program that focus' on enhancing student wellbeing, collaboration, and leadership with a focus on food education. Students learn to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal, delicious food.</i> <i>This program will run through-out 2024.</i>	\$75
<i>School camp – Waratah Bay 2024</i>	TBA
<i>Intensive Whole School Swimming Program</i>	TBA
<i>Interschool sports programs</i>	TBA
<i>Incursions/Excursion and Activities to be scheduled (inc. STOMP, Kaboom)</i>	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Total

Category	Totals		
	Prep - Year 2	Year 3 / Year 4	Year 5 / Year 6
Curriculum Contributions	\$315	\$330	\$345
Other Voluntary Contributions (Non-tax deductible)		\$130 (Suggested – per family)	
		\$100 (Suggested – per family)	
Extra-Curricular Activity (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen)	-	\$75	\$75
Maximum Total	\$545	\$635	\$650

Financial Support for Families

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

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).** If you are a health care holder please ask for an application form from the office. If eligible a payment of \$125 per child is payable to the school which can be applied to the cost of camps, excursions, and activities that your child would attend.
- **State Schools Relief (SSR).** Applications are submitted by schools. The program covers costs such as new school uniform, shoes for families under severe financial hardship.
- **Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.** Please speak with our office staff to discuss options.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Meredith Thornton

Ph: 03 9561 2879

Email: meredith.thornton@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

The preferred method of payment at our school is online via the Compass Portal.

Payments can be made upfront, or by a payment plan allowing smaller transaction totals throughout the year. Payments can also be made via EFTPOS at the School Office.

Option #1

Pay the selected amount in full via Compass or EFTPOS.

Option #2

Payment Plan Instalments available on the 15th of each month from 15th Feb to 15th May 2024.

25% equal monthly instalments will be automatically debited from your nominated bank card.

This option is available for selection via the Compass Portal only.

Option #3

Custom payment plan upon request and approval with the school office. If you would like to enquire about an alternative payment plan, please contact the office on 03 9561 2879.

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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) 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.