

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2022

Dear Parent

Yarram Primary School is looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Yarram Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to enhance our digital learning opportunities (notebook computers, ipads, server upgrades and faster WIFI/internet), purchase new classroom furniture, sports equipment, and science resources.

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

Warmest regards,



Penny Earle

Principal

Yarram Primary School

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Contributions and Extra-Curricula Items and Activities for 2022

| CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS – itemised list of Curriculum Contributions for your child | AMOUNT |
|---|-----------------|
| <p><i>These contributions directly support a number of important curriculum areas and programs that we offer including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>class sets for vital numeracy manipulatives (MAB, playing cards, trundle wheels, counters, protractors etc.)</i> • <i>critical literacy resources (guided reading books, take home readers, dictionaries etc.)</i> • <i>the maintenance and repair of musical instruments</i> • <i>replacement of sporting equipment</i> • <i>purchasing of art supplies and resources</i> • <i>purchasing of inquiry and science resources</i> • <i>consumables for the classroom</i> | \$140.00 |
| <p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Eggs/Maths Seeds make learning to read fun through online games and activities</i> • <i>Lexiles</i> • <i>Essential Assessment</i> | \$20.00 |
| <p><i>Information and Communications Technology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>software and equipment needed to sustain and enhance our ICT program</i> | \$20.00 |
| TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS (for non-curriculum items and activities) | |
| <i>Yarram Primary School do not currently have any Tax Deductible Contributions</i> | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT | \$180.00 |

Educational items for students to own

Yarram Primary School pre-purchase all student's supplies from Gippsprint Office Choice in bulk and distribute them to the classrooms in preparation for the school year. These items are included in the Curriculum Contributions.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Yarram 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount | |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| <i>Optional Year 5/6 school camp</i> | \$300 - TBC | |
| <i>Optional Year 3/4 school camp</i> | \$400 - TBC | |
| <i>Other optional Year level excursions to be scheduled</i> | TBC | |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | | \$ |

Financial Support for Families

Yarram 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 Schools Relief (SSR)
- Local Community Supports

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

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Total

| Category | |
|--|----------|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$180.00 |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (as selected from above) | \$ |

Payment methods

- Payment of parent payment charges can be made at the school office by cash or EFT.
- Parents/carers will be invited to discuss alternative arrangements with the school where appropriate.
- Only the initial invitation for voluntary financial contributions and one reminder notice is sent to all parents and guardians.
- All students have access to the standard curriculum.
- Students are not treated differently, denied access to the standard curriculum, or refused instruction on the basis of payments not being made.
- Any record of payment or contributions by parents and guardians is to be kept confidential.

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 any other relevant information.

ATTACHMENT 2

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 | Other Contributions | Extra-Curricular Items and Activities |
|--|---|--|
| Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. | Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives. | 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.