



Thursday 23rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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

Warragul North Primary School ensures that all necessary stationary is available to students throughout the school year.

We also rely on the support of our families to provide opportunities for enhanced learning opportunities across the curriculum, including, but not limited to, Digital Learning, Food Technology and the Arts.

We thank you on behalf of students and staff for your valued contributions.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Jo Osler
Principal

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Terri Wilks
School Council President



Warragul North Primary School 2024 Parent Payment Arrangements

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment (<i>pencils, scissors, ruler, glue stick, paper, laminating pouches, texts, crayons, pens, exercise books, folders etc.</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arts – <i>paint, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, instruments & other materials.</i> • STEM - <i>technology equipment, cooking materials and equipment.</i> • Numeracy – <i>math resources and supplies.</i> • Literacy – <i>book boxes, reading & referencing materials.</i> • Sports/PASE – <i>equipment, affiliations.</i> • LOTE – <i>reference materials, equipment.</i> • Humanities – <i>reading & referencing materials.</i> 	\$160.00
Online subscriptions (<i>we have selected only 3 subscriptions in 2024 to support the curriculum areas</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Library</i> • <i>Numeracy</i> • <i>Literacy</i> 	\$45.00
ICT devices – <i>provision of 1:1 devices & storage facilities, ICT projects (in teams)</i>	\$30.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20.00
Whole School Events & Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Athletics (Junior & Senior School)</i> • <i>Assemblies & Team Meetings</i> • <i>Cultural & Community Events</i> • <i>Sustainability Programs</i> • <i>Lunchtime Activities</i> • <i>Wellbeing Support Initiatives</i> 	\$40.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$295.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities (per student)	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$5.00
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$10.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$50.00
Total Other Contributions	\$65.00



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

Warragul North 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year Level Camps (Senior Years)	\$ TBA
Excursion to be scheduled for each year level <i>(each year level to participate in 1 major excursion and other local excursion/s per year)</i>	\$ TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA

Financial Support for Families

Warragul 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 Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Belinda Smythe (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 5623 4066 | Email: warragul.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions (<i>\$295 per student</i>)	\$
Other Contributions (<i>as selected by families</i>)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (<i>TBC throughout the year</i>)	\$ TBC
Total	\$

Payment methods

Cash Cheque EFTPOS (at main Office) Compass

Direct Deposit

Warragul North Primary School

BSB 063000

Acc. # 14189312

(Commonwealth Bank)

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, 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.