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Parent Payments 2021 – Essential Student Learning Items

Dear Parents and carers

We are writing to advise you of Whorouly Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021 as approved by the Finance Committee and School Council at our October meeting. We are required to notify you in advance of the 2021 school year however we do not request any payment until next year.

Please find the fee schedule for all year levels attached. We make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. As you will be able to see the school and the School Council Fundraising Committee subsidises many of the listed expenses.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- payment plans to suit individual families e.g. weekly, monthly or at the beginning of each term.

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

Pauline McPherson or Kerry Hill

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauline McPherson
Principal

Kristie Elkington
School Council President

Approved by School Council 20th October 2020.



Fee schedule – Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2

Please note an itemised list of the stationery pack is available on request.

Item	Specifications	2021
Stationery Pack	Years F -2 Please note students will receive much more than listed at a cost to the school. If you wish to assist further, please an amount in the voluntary contribution section.	\$100.00
MACC – Art Van	Years F – 2	\$25.00
MARC – Science/Library Van	Years F – 2	\$25.00
Digital Learning	Years F – 2	\$30.00
Total cost \$ 88.15	Reading Eggs \$29.77	
Contribution breakdown:	Mathletics \$34.51	
School Council \$ 15.00	Mathseeds \$23.87	
Parents \$ 30.00		
School \$ 43.15		
(WPS includes Essential Ass)		
Cluster Day Performances	Years F – 2	\$40.00
Subsidised by WPS \$40.00	Bus Travel x 3	
\$35.00 + travel costs	Program cost x 4	
\$5.00 + program costs		
	TOTAL	\$220.00



Fee schedule – Grades 3-6

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Item	Specifications	2021
Stationery Pack	Years 3 - 6 Please note students will receive much more than listed at a cost to the school. If you wish to assist please put through in the voluntary contribution section.	\$100.00
MACC – Art Van	Years 3 - 6	\$25.00
MARC – Science/Library Van	Years 3 - 6	\$25.00
Digital Learning Total cost \$52.77 Contribution breakdown: School Council \$ 10.00 Parents \$ 30.00 School \$ 12.77 (WPS includes Essential Ass)	Years 3 – 6 Mathletics \$34.51 Digital Licence \$8.18 Math Invaders \$10.08	\$25.00
Cluster Day Performances Subsidised by WPS \$40.00 \$35.00 + travel costs \$5.00 + program costs	Years 3 – 6 Bus Travel x 3 Program cost x 4	\$40.00
Cooking (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program)	Years 3 - 6	\$30.00
	TOTAL	\$245.00

Understanding Parent Payment Categories

Whorouly Primary School

Schools

What does the legislation say?

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for free instruction in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

In the Act, a 'Parent' includes a guardian and every person who has parental responsibility for a child including parental responsibility under the Commonwealth Family Law Act 1975 and any person with whom a child normally or regularly resides.

What do schools pay for as part of 'free instruction'?



Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program, including reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.

The standard curriculum for Years F-10 means implementation of the Victorian Curriculum F-10.

The standard curriculum for senior secondary schools means a program that enables a student to be awarded a VCE or VCAL qualification.

What principles govern parent payment practice?

Educational Value | Access, Equity & Inclusion | Affordability

Engagement & Support | Respect & Confidentiality | Transparency & Accountability

Parents

What may parents be asked to pay for?

Schools can request payment for Essential Student Learning Items



These are items, activities or services that the school deems **essential** to student learning of the standard curriculum.

Where practical and appropriate, parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide their own.

These may also be either:

Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of

- e.g.
- textbooks, activity books, exercise books
 - stationery, book bags
 - student ID cards, locks
 - cooking ingredients students will consume
 - materials for final products that students take home (technology projects, build-your-own kits, dioramas)
 - Picture Exchange Communication Systems

Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend

i.e. travel, entry fees or accommodation

- e.g.
- excursions
 - incursions
 - school sports
 - work placements

Parents can be asked to pay for items, activities and services in the three Parent Payment Categories:

Essential Student Learning Items,
Optional Items and
Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Schools determine how items, activities and services are classified within these categories based on the learning and teaching program of their school.

Schools can request payment for Optional Items

These are items, activities or services that are **optional** and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.

Students may access these on a user-pays basis.

These may be either:

Items the student purchases or hires

- e.g.
- school magazines, class photos
 - functions, formals, graduation dinners
 - materials for extra curricular programs
 - student accident insurance

Activities the student purchases

- e.g.
- fees for extra curricular programs or activities, such as instrumental music tuition
 - fees for guest speakers
 - camps, excursions, incursions, sports
 - entry fees for school run performances

Items and/or materials that are more expensive than required to meet the standard curriculum

- e.g.
- use of silver in metal work instead of copper
 - supplementary exam revision guides

Support for families experiencing hardship is available at every school and each school has a parent payment contact person. See your school's policy for more information.

For more information on Parent Payments and Personal Devices, visit the DET website at: www.education.vic.gov.au

Schools can invite
**Voluntary
Financial
Contributions**
for



- e.g.
- Building or Library fund (Tax deductible)
 - Voluntary contributions for a specific purpose, such as equipment, materials, services.
 - General voluntary contributions