

Whorouly Primary School

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PARENT PAYMENT POLICY 2025

Dear Parents,

At the 2024 October School Council meeting the 2025 Parent Payment Policy was approved. The information on the following pages is required to be provided to all families in February 2025.

Whorouly Primary School is preparing for teaching and learning in 2025 and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The following table and information, details the parent payment expenditure which allows our school to use Department of Education funding to provide a wider offering of subjects, special curriculum experiences and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauline McPherson

Principal

Shannon Phillips

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<u>/Stationery Pack:</u> <i>Including workbooks for all subjects, textas, pencils, ruler, sharpener, scissors, glue sticks, pencil case, display books, cover paper, coloured paper, classroom art supplies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Additional stationery requirements are funded by the Education Department</i> 	\$50.00
<u>Online subscriptions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Eggs • Maths Seeds • Mathletics <i>In 2025 these online programs will be covered by school funds and School Council fundraising</i>	\$0
<u>Swimming and water safety program</u> <i>Cost to be confirmed – Cost subsidised by School Council fundraising, Senior class lunches fundraising and the Education Department</i>	\$TBC
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials – <i>no charge to parents</i>	\$0
<u>School programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACC Art Program – student supplies \$25.00 • MARC Library/Science – student supplies \$25.00 	\$50.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$100.00

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

Whorouly 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<u>OLC Cluster days</u> – x 3 days includes bus and performance costs in Term 2, 3 and 4 <i>These excursions are also subsidised by school funds to reduce the cost to parents. (estimated: \$60)</i> The School Saving Bonus can be used towards these days	\$xx
<u>School camp: or F-2 Special Event</u> – no cost to parents subsidised by School Council fundraising The School Saving Bonus can be used towards camps	\$xx
The cost of any other excursions will be provided to parents as soon as possible. The School Saving Bonus can be used towards these days	\$xx
<u>Excursion yet to be scheduled</u> The School Saving Bonus can be used towards camps	TBC
<u>Grade 3-6 only Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program</u> – <i>contribution towards ingredients.</i>	\$30.00
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Grades 3-6	\$30

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
- 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 Pauline McPherson

Total- F-2 students

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 100.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities, Excursions and Camps TBC	\$
Total	\$ 100.00

Total - Grade 3-6 students

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 100.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden) Excursions & camps TBC	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 130.00

Payment methods

Payment can be made via direct deposit or cash. Payment can be made in instalments or in one lump sum. See Deb in the office for more information.

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.