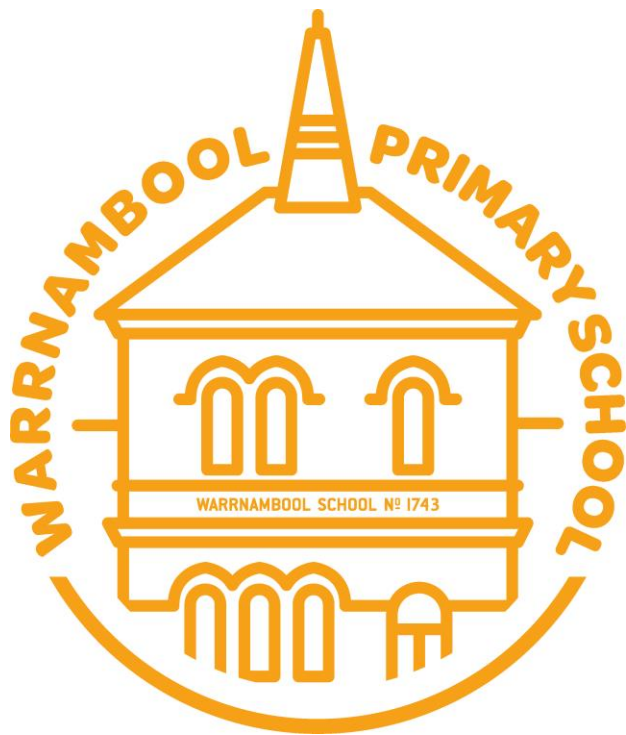


Warrnambool Primary School



Parent Payment Arrangements 2026



2026 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warrnambool Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for all our students.

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) - Families who qualify with a health care card may access CSEF funding towards camps, swimming, and excursions. Application for this will be required each year and parents will be advised when applications are accepted. For each primary school student who qualifies, the school will receive \$400 which can be used towards sports, swimming, excursions and camps.
- State Schools Relief (SSR) - SSR provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist), on the advice of the school. Schools are able to submit an application directly, whenever they believe there is a need to support a student whose family/carers are facing difficulty in providing the appropriate uniform, footwear or educational items for attending school.
- We encourage payment plans for extra-curricular items, camps and activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Sharyn Fary Business Manager 03 5561 5955 or email sharyn.fary@education.vic.gov.au.

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

Yours sincerely,

Peter Lee
Principal

Georgina Logan
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Stationery comprising all classroom consumables, materials & equipment - exercise books, textbooks, rulers, craft paper, pencils, pencil case, highlighters, sharpener, whiteboards, whiteboard markers, crayons/pastels, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$110.00
Literacy - Book boxes, class sets, novels, take home reading books Numeracy - Numeracy blocks, maths kits, calculators, classroom consumables Art - paints, brushes, crayons, glitter, paper (coloured and plain), glue, wool, etc Japanese - printed materials, cooking ingredients, classroom consumables Physical Education – equipment, ribbons, materials STEM – ingredients, shared classroom materials, books	\$40.00
Online subscriptions – <i>these are some of the subscriptions we use</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SeeSaw • Decodables • IXL Maths & IXL English • Maths Online • Compass • Essential Assessment 	\$30.00
ICT devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of laptops for individual student use • upkeep of shared classroom sets and technology 	\$50.00
Whole school events - <i>these are some of the events we run</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival • Cross country • Japanese cultural day & EAL celebration day 	\$40.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$270.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Suggested Amount	Amount
School Sports Victoria Affiliation	\$5.00	
First aid equipment - band aids, icepacks, tissues, vomit bags, sanitiser, sunscreen etc	\$10.00	
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20.00	
Total Other Contributions		\$

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

Warrnambool 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 on compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School magazine/ yearbook	\$25
<i>Swimming and water safety program (subsidised by DET) 8 lessons</i>	\$50
School camps Year 1 – Night Walk Year 2 – Warra Gnan Coastal Camp Year 3 – Kangarooie Camp Year 4 – Roses Gap Camp Year 5 – Sovereign Hill Ballarat Year 6 – Melbourne Camp	All costs to be advised prior to event
Interschool sports program	Between \$5 - \$15 per event
Excursions / Incursions to be scheduled	All costs to be advised prior to event
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods

Compass: Curriculum consumables will be added to compass at the beginning of 2026

Direct Deposit: Account: Warrnambool Primary School BSB: 033-263 Acc: 44-5715

Bpay: Biller Code: 87361 - reference number is on family statement (please contact the office)

EFTPOS: In person at the school office

Cash: In person at the school office

Centrepay: Centrepay is also available to eligible families. Centrepay is a voluntary bill-paying service that is free for Centrelink customers. Through Centrepay, you can authorise the Department of Education to deduct regular amounts from your welfare payments to pay bills and expenses to a business such as our school. Please contact the school for forms.

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.

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.