

PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

ARRANGEMENTS 2022

Dear Parent

Wodonga Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements 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.

Wodonga Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and to be affordable for all parents.

Financial Support for Families

Wodonga 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)
- Payment plans to ease the financial impact
- State Schools Relief (SSR) for uniform support
- Subsidies available at Business Manager/Principal discretion for camp support.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our Business Manager:

Jamie Baude Phone: 02 6048 0300 | Email: Jamie.Baude@education.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please refer to our website.

Yours sincerely,



Damian Duncan
Principal

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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

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.

FEE SCHEDULES

The itemised list of **Curriculum** and **Other Contributions** for your child is listed under the Parent Tab on our website for each year level.

Within our school these financial contributions assist us with conducting our specialists programs such as Art, Music, Languages, Physical Education, STEM and Computer Studies to further broaden the educational experience for your child, which in turn supports our established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths. We are also able to subsidise our Water Safety and additional sporting programs. All of these programs run alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs and are imperative to provide an effective balanced education for your child.

Your support in 2021 allowed us to –

- Maintain and develop the school grounds;
- Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities;
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills;
- Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes;
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions;
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment;
- Offer effective First Aid for all students;
- Library resources and literacy enrichment materials;
- Engage Barkley, our wonderful Wellbeing Education Support dog.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wodonga 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis and advised via Compass.

Voluntary Contributions

Wodonga Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2022.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school’s important priorities for 2022 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution *	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
Building Fund: A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure	Yes	Parent discretion	\$
Library Fund: A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	Yes	Parent discretion	\$
TOTAL			\$

* All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not. Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution.

Payment Methods

BPay / EFTPOS / Cash / Cheque

Refunds

All Camps and Excursions are non-refundable, except in exceptional circumstances.