

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Wandin North Primary School takes pride in providing a high-quality education as evidenced by excellent student achievement. Staff are committed to creating a rich and challenging educational environment for all.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

It is important that parents understand the Department of Education provides schools with funding for the standard curriculum. WNPS provides an enhanced curriculum and learning environment for students which can only be achieved with the financial support from the school community via direct contributions from parents and fundraising activities.

There are three areas for which parents may reasonably be requested to make a payment or contribution:

- **Curriculum Contributions** which parents pay the school to provide. Example- book packs, digital devices, text books and stationary relating to the school curriculum subjects.
- **Extra-Curricular Items & Activities** which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents may choose if their child accesses or participates. Example-extracurricular programs, music tuition, class photographs.
- **Other Contributions** which parents may be invited to donate to the school.

Our school makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be provided to a minimum.

2024 contributions equal \$1.60 per school day. In order to keep contributions as low as possible, we arrange bulk orders of classroom requisites. This enables us to buy at competitive prices and that all children in class are using identical items. In 2024, school council has approved that individual classroom requisites will be provided as a 'Curriculum Starter Pack' which will be given to your child's class teacher at the start of the year. Please note that the contents of the Curriculum Starter Packs do not reflect the full provision of materials. The balance of classroom and curriculum materials are distributed during the course of the year.

School Council decided against a 1:1 bring your own ICT device program, thereby requiring additional investment in computer equipment and technology. **This is not provided by Government funding.**

Total contribution per student, per annum.

\$ 300

Please note that camps /excursions/incursions/sport and uniforms are an additional cost

HOW TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT:

Payments may be made via: **COMPASS**

Please note: If there are special circumstances that you cannot pay via COMPASS, please contact the school office to discuss payment either by: Direct Deposit (Account Name: Wandin North Primary School BSB: 033 107 Account Number: 588634, Cash (correct money) or Cheque (Payable to Wandin North Primary School).

Please ensure you clearly reference the payment via direct deposit with your student and family name and "Cont.", to enable your direct deposit to be allocated to the correct family. A screen shot MUST be sent to the office if you pay by direct deposit.)

Curriculum Starter Packs for years Foundation to 6, will be supplied to your child's classroom

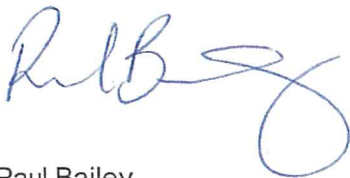
You may prepay your account at any time prior to the start of the 2024 year.

NOTE - If you have already paid for your child's 2024 Starter Supply pack prior to the start of the 2024 year, you do not need to do anything else.

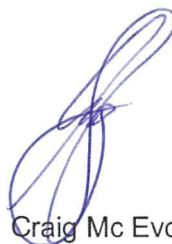
If payment places undue financial pressure on your family, please contact the Principal who will treat any requests for payment variation arrangements with total confidentiality. Please note that if you are a current health care card holder, you may be eligible for additional funding through CSEF. Please contact the school for more details. Refunds will only be available for students that transfer throughout the year and have paid full contributions. Arrangements will be discussed between the two schools and looked at 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.

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

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bailey
Principal



Craig Mc Evoy
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum. Items listed below are some of the examples of curriculum consumables used throughout the year.	Amount
<p><u>Classroom consumables, materials and equipment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science curriculum resources • Humanities curriculum resources • Individual workbooks • Student portfolio resources • Textas/pencils/pens/erasers/sharpeners/rulers • Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers. <p><u>Resilience Project Journals</u> – used throughout the curriculum areas.</p> <p><u>Library resources</u> - e.g. -books, subscriptions</p> <p><u>Health and Physical Education</u> e.g.: equipment, awards, materials</p> <p><u>Visual and Performing Arts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading etc <p><u>Science</u> – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</p> <p><u>Numeracy (Mathematics)</u> – hands on resources, calculators, text books, stationary, maths kits</p> <p><u>Literacy (English)</u> – stationary, book boxes, class sets, novels, readers etc</p>	\$190
<p><u>Information and Technology Online Subscriptions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment • PMe Collection 	\$60
<p><u>ICT (Information and Communication Technology)- Netbook and iPad leases.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of iPads and devices from the shared classroom sets, headphones 	\$50
<p>Total Curriculum Contributions (Educational items for students to own)</p>	\$300

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p>Parents are welcome to donate at any time to the school.</p> <p>Historically families have donated to the:</p> <p>* "Camp Assistance Fund" which assists with any families experiencing financial strain</p> <p>* "Working Bee" – families that cannot attend their allocated working bee day, and cannot reschedule, may wish to donate.</p>	Families are welcome to donate at any time
<p>Total Other Contributions</p>	\$ Welcomed

*Note - An individual Grade list of Curriculum Contributions is available upon request

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

Wandin 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
<i>Excursions / Incursions & Activities</i> <i>Music, Class Photos, Special lunchtime activities as advertised.</i>	<i>\$ User pays upon acceptance.</i>
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA

Financial Support for Families

Wandin 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:

Paul Bailey (Principal)

Ph: 03 59 644 570 | Email: wandin.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au

SUMMARY TOTALS:

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 300 per student
Other Contributions	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i> \$ Welcomed
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
Total	\$

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.