

1st November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wallarano Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide: special curriculum experiences, enhanced digital learning opportunities, our wonderful playground equipment, gumnut garden, shade structures, running track and electronic sign.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Flexible payment plans tailored to support the individual needs of families
- Referrals to Government and/or community support programs

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

Gail Doney (Principal) or Abby Makin (Business Manager)

Ph:03 9798 1055 | email: Wallarano.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

We offer a variety of payment methods to assist our families:

- Eftpos is available at the office
- Cash
- Direct Deposit (email school for details)

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

Kind regards,



Tracy Beauchamp
School Council President



Gail Doney
Principal

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Bulk student/classroom stationary, craft and inquiry learning consumable materials Exercise Books, reading diary, pens, pencils, glue, coloured pencils, textas, earphones, laminating pouches, coloured paper, paints, glitter, cardboard, cotton wool, tissue paper, pom poms, clay, string, tape, pop sticks, yarn, plasticine, patty pans	\$100.00
Art room consumable materials Coloured Paper, Paints, glue, collage paper, kinder squares, doyleys, tissue paper, buttons, clay, plasticine, wire, tape, wool, match sticks, chalk, threads,	\$15.00
iPad program 1:1 allocated iPad 2024	\$30.00
Online Subscriptions Including Essential Assessment and Sentral	\$15.00
Curriculum Contributions Total	\$160.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50.00

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of fee payments and voluntary contributions are kept confidential.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wallarano 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. The cost of camps and excursions throughout 2024 will be communicated individually throughout the school year.

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$160.00
Other Contributions	\$50.00

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 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.