

Thursday, November 14th, 2024

Dear parents/guardians/carers,

Wyndham Vale Primary School (WVPS) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of WVPS's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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. Please note that for 2025, our School Council has endorsed our voluntary contributions to remain at \$180, the same as 2024.

Within our school this support will allow us to provide specialist programs such as Physical Education, Visual and Performing Arts, and Auslan. Students will also have access to school provided digital devices to further support the teaching and learning programs. Our student's wellbeing will also be strongly supported through an emphasis on the teaching of School Wide Positive Behaviours and Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships ensuring a commitment to nurturing, happy, healthy and resilient children. All of these programs run alongside our traditional classroom teaching and learning program and are imperative as they enable us to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall educational experience for your child.

We invite you to support our school financially, so that we can continue to provide these opportunities for all students. **All payments can be made via the Compass Parent Portal or by EFT at the administration office. Please be aware payment plans are available- to discuss please contact the administration office.**

We thank you in advance for your support.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Chris Johns*  
Acting Principal

*Sharon Gatt*  
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum <b>SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION PER CHILD</b>	Amount
<p><b><u>Student Books and Stationery:</u></b></p> <p><i>Including all classroom resources and stationery items required to support students in their learning throughout the year.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Exercise Books</li> <li>➤ Stationery Items (pencils, pens, textas, glue sticks, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, scissors)</li> <li>➤ English Resources (book boxes, reading satchels, class reading sets, novels, take home books)</li> <li>➤ Mathematical Resources (numeracy aides, calculators, numeracy kits)</li> <li>➤ Printing and photocopying</li> </ul>	\$90
<p><b><u>Specialist Programs (Physical Education, Visual Art, Performing Art, Auslan and Library)</u></b></p> <p><i>During specialist classes, students will engage in various activities having access to a range of resources and equipment while exploring these learning areas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Visual Arts – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material</li> <li>➤ Performing Arts – costumes, instruments, books, music, pens and markers</li> <li>➤ Physical Education– sporting equipment, ribbons, materials</li> <li>➤ Library – books and subscriptions</li> </ul>	\$40
<p><b><u>Digital Technologies:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provision of school purchased devices and equipment (Chromebooks and iPad)</li> <li>➤ Online subscriptions- Seesaw and JAMF</li> <li>➤ STEM equipment- 3D Printing and Robotics</li> </ul>	\$25
<p><b><u>Student Wellbeing:</u></b></p> <p><i>Supporting WVPS’s commitment to develop and nurture happy, healthy and resilient children. Students will participate in the following programs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS)</li> <li>➤ Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships (RRRR)</li> </ul>	\$10
<p><b><u>Whole school events:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Athletics carnivals, Colour Run</li> <li>➤ Harmony Day</li> <li>➤ Lunch time clubs</li> <li>➤ Assemblies ,Foundation-100 days of school, Spelling Bee, Graduation, Book Week, ect.</li> </ul>	\$15
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>\$180</b>
<b>Tax deductible contributions (Please indicate as appropriate)</b>	
<p><b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$___
<p><b>Library fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$___
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

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

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>School magazine/ yearbook</i>	\$TBA
<i>Optional Year 6 school camp</i>	\$TBA
<i>Optional Year 6 Interschool Sports program</i>	\$TBA
<i>Optional Year 4 school camp</i>	\$TBA
<i>Optional Year 2 sleepover</i>	\$TBA
<i>Year 3/4 athletics Carnival</i>	\$TBA
<i>Year 5/6 Athletics Carnival</i>	\$TBA
<i>Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled throughout the year</i>	\$TBA

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Individual Payment Plans for extra curriculum items or activities
- State School's Relief

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

Chris Johns

Ph: 03 8754 0888 | Email: [Wyndham.vale.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Wyndham.vale.ps@education.vic.gov.au) Mark CONFIDENTIAL in the subject line.

**Total**

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Tax Deductible Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$

**Payment methods**

- Cash to the front office
- EFTPOS (in person or via phone)
- Direct debit from your debit or credit card
- Via COMPASS – money will be allocated to your child’s account

I authorise \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be charged to my Visa /Mastercard.

Details as follows:

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ class(es): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (as on card):																				
Card number:																				
Signature													CVC:							
Please indicate card type	VISA		MASTERCARD		Expiry Date		____ / ____													

**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.