



November 2025

2026 Parent Payment Letter from School Council

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yarraville West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. Our school vision is to develop a positive, courageous and reflective learning culture, that connects students, families and staff proudly to our community. Your financial support helps us to provide the learning experiences and services that support this.

In this letter and its attachments, we would like to advise you of the school's 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. Any amount that you can contribute is helpful, whether it be the suggested full contribution of \$565 or less.

We thank you in advance for all your support, whether through contributing financially, supporting our fundraising efforts and/or volunteering your time. Your generosity makes a huge difference to the quality of programs we can offer your children.

This support has allowed us to:

- provide essential learning items, materials and resources for hands-on classroom experiences in English, Mathematics, Science and Technology
- purchase equipment and resources to enrich our specialist programs e.g., PE, Art, Drama, Italian
- invest in new computer equipment and electronic devices, including our fleet of iPads
- replace technology such as Apple TVs and screens throughout the classrooms
- maintain and improve our school grounds and playground equipment
- replenish our library and classroom books, invest in new and updated material drawing on the best evidence-based educational knowledge and practices.

Your contributions will enable the best possible learning environment for our students and a high-quality education at Yarraville West Primary School for another year.

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

Yours sincerely,

Karen Rush
Principal

Geoff Dill
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
These contributions directly support several important curriculum areas and programs that we offer including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● classroom materials and equipment \$70 ● class sets for vital numeracy manipulatives (dice, playing cards, counters) \$10 ● critical literacy resources (reading books, library books, take home reading books) \$20 ● The Arts – paint, crayons, canvas, paper, clay \$20 ● replacement of sporting equipment \$25 ● purchasing of Inquiry and science resources (STEM) \$25 ● Italian program resources \$5 ● Digital technology \$20 	\$195
Digital subscriptions, apps and software for learning and assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assessment, Literacy (e.g. Epic) ● Seesaw ● Inquisitive – curriculum resources ● Pobble 	\$50
Digital Devices Information and Communications Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provision and upkeep of shared classroom sets ● Software, device configuration & maintenance and equipment (e.g. servers, WAPs etc) needed to sustain and enhance our ICT program 	\$55
Printing and photocopying of learning resources and materials for class and home	\$10
Curriculum Activities and Whole School Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Italian Day, Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week 	\$30
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$340
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria membership (per child)	\$5
Parent communications – Compass	\$20
School playground improvements and maintenance to enhance YWPS play spaces for students	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$75
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund - A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure	\$150
Final Total of all Contributions	\$565

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

Yarraville West 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 via Compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	
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Reader Bag – available to purchase from the office	TBA
Water Safety Swimming Program - Partially subsidised	TBA
Camps and excursions/incursions as scheduled in 2026.	The cost of attending these activities will be advised via Compass.
Interschool sports, carnivals, competitions and events	
Other extra-curricular activities – clubs, extension programs	
School photos – price dependant on package brought by family	Paid direct to photo company

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Welfare Fund – funded by the school to assist with cost for camps/excursions and/or other welfare needs
- Free Second-hand uniform
- State School Relief – clothing & uniform support

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Business Manager Lisa Romeo on 03 9314 7714 or email lisa.romeo@education.vic.gov.au.

Payment methods

Compass (payments open in December)


EFT – at the school office or via the telephone 9314 7714

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.