

WPSS PARENT PAYMENT PLAN 2024 GRADE 1

Dear Parents,

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

Wonga Park Primary School provides high quality education and is recognised by the Department as a high performing primary school. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of teaching and learning excellence in 2024. Wonga Park PS is committed to continuous improvement and providing the highest resourced programs and learning environment possible for your children. Contributing to the success and quality of our academic and enrichment programs is the strong financial support of parents. Your financial contributions in the curricular, extra-curricular and other contributions ensure that we have the materials and resources to continue to offer the extensive and quality programs that we currently provide.

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 makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Financial Support for Families

Wonga Park 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)
- Access to a local philanthropic organisation – Pettet Foundation
- Access to State Schools' Relief support for clothing/uniforms
- Parent Contribution Payment Plan

Any Parents experiencing hardship who would like a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or who would like to discuss alternative contribution arrangements can contact the Business Manager: Kerry Davenport 97221325 Email: Kerry.Davenport@education.vic.gov.au or Julie Crawford Julie.Crawford@education.vic.gov.au

Contribution Methods

Contributions can be made at the office from 4th December to 19th December, 2023 or on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January 2024 between 11.30am – 3.00pm. Individual book packs will be available for collection from December 4th, 2023. Payments can also be made by a contribution plan debited from credit card or nominated account should parents wish to take up this option. We have also included a summary sheet for families of the Parent Payments for 2024 with this documentation.

Further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy, is attached and on our school website.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Crawford
Principal

Michelle Rose
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

Curriculum Contribution Items	Amount
<p>Consumable items for Literacy and Numeracy, Art, Library, Music, Science, Sports equipment, Auslan and Challenge Based Learning (including paint, glue, clay, coloured paper, glitter, pom poms, masking tape, paper plates, ingredients, cardboard, straws, felt, fabric, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials etc)</p>	\$130
<p>Digital Subscriptions & shared classroom devices (school and home use) (Reading Eggs, Math Seeds, Showbie, Sentral, Essential Assessment, Cybersafety workshop, Mobile Device Management (MDM))</p>	\$115
<p>Individual Stationery Supplies (List of individual items in bag. Further items distributed by Teachers throughout the year)</p>	\$80
<p>Reading Log</p>	\$10
<p>TOTAL</p>	\$335

Other Contributions

We continue to **welcome and thank you for your other contributions** to support our quality school programs and resources. **Other contributions are per family**. Parents are invited to make contributions to any/all of the specific priorities outlined in the table below.

Future projects include repainting and carpeting, the installation of a creative play space, upgrade of the Residence, re-surfacing the basketball courts and the upgrade of playgrounds.

Other Contributions	Amount
Grounds Maintenance & Improvement Levy: weekly grounds maintenance, replenishing sandpit and softfall, planting	\$70 per family
Student Wellbeing Support Levy: provision of a student wellbeing support person three days per week who will provide student support and facilitate recess and lunchtime clubs	\$50 per family
First Aid Officer Levy: provision of a school nurse five days per week who will provide first aid and wellbeing support for students, maintain medical plans and manage first aid supplies.	\$50 per family
Technology Levy: Coding and robotics equipment, Apple TVs, upgrading ICT equipment	\$40 per family
Tax Deductible Donation	Amount
*Building Fund: upgrading classrooms and learning spaces	\$100 per family
*Library Fund: upgrading resources	\$50 per family
<i>*School Council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Taxation Office for the Building and Library Funds - separate receipts issued</i>	

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

Parent Payment Contributions for the year

Curriculum Contribution Items (per grade 1 student)	Amount: \$335
Other financial contribution (per family)	Amount: \$360
	TOTAL \$695

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wonga Park 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.

No payment is required for these items or activities at this time – permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2024. Some activities include gymnastics, swimming, Level 1/2 celebration, incursions and excursions.

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.