



Wodonga West Primary School

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Dear parent/guardian,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Wodonga West Primary School is an AVID School which is preparing them for learning and prepares them to go onto Secondary School. Students equipped with the right tools for learning sets students on the right path for their learning. This year Wodonga West Primary School has done this by compiling voluntary book packs available for purchase from the office on the day before school resumes, Monday 29th January 2024.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jocelyn Owen
Principal

Lauren Barber
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Years Foundation to Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Packs - Classroom consumables, stationery, materials & equipment • Mathematics • English – book boxes • Lote 	\$80.00
Years Foundation to Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Education Items • Art – paint, coloured paper, glitter etc • Science – Classroom Stationery, consumables for experiments 	\$70.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$150
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Total Other Contributions	\$0
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$

Educational items for students to own

There is no items the school recommends you purchase from a third party provider for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wodonga 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. These are provided on a user pay basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by 20th December 2023.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please Tick)
SAKG – Years 1 to Year 6 at \$25 per Term x 4 Terms	\$100	\$100
Cultural Activity	\$10	\$10
Sports Years 3 & 4	\$10	\$10
Sports Year 5 & 6	\$30	\$30
Swimming	\$50	\$50
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Wodonga West 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:

Jo Henderson
Business Manager
Ph: 02 60 24 1188 | Email: Wodonga.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total	
Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra – Curricular Items and Activities	
Total	\$

Payment methods

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 Payments 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 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.