



Tuesday, 29 November 2022

Dear parent/guardian,

Wattle View Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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: -

- Offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels.
- Upgrade and purchase of additional IT requirements.
- Refurbishment of school grounds.

Department of Education guidelines now mandates that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, we asked that you please review the recommended Wattle View Primary School Voluntary financial contributions schedule attached for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Elaine Wilson
PRINCIPAL

Mrs Erin Weegberg
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, beading • Science – batteries, pipe cleaners, clips, ingredients, shared classroom materials • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, maths kits • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers, dictionary • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials • Music – instruments, books • Library – books, subscriptions • Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers 	\$130
<i>Online Learning Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAT • Essential Assessment • Compass 	\$30
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$20
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20
<i>Headset: New in Foundation and replaced as required</i>	\$10
<i>Folio: New in Foundation and replaced as required</i>	\$10
Total Amount	\$220.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership</i>	\$5
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$25
Total Amount	\$30.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wattle View 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.

Educational items for students to own

Wattle View Primary School currently provides a service whereby the stationery needs of children is purchased by the school and distributed to your child. This means that all children have the correct requirements for their year level. Although children are supplied with what is considered sufficient materials for the entire year, further purchases during the year are usually required. In 2023, it is expected that stationery will be purchased in bulk through the school. This method will be re-evaluated during the year and we may move to a third-party supplier in the future.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.
- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing / uniform at a reduced rate.
- Centrepay.
- Individual payment plans.

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

Elaine Wilson

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Total 2023 Voluntary Financial Contributions

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$220.00
Other Contributions	\$30.00

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Wattle View Primary School. Voluntary payments can be made by cash, eftpos and Direct Deposit into our school's bank account. Westpac Bank: BSB 033-326 / Acc# 300047

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.