

## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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 enhance our digital learning opportunities (computers, ipads, server upgrades) and to purchase current literacy and numeracy resources, sports equipment and student wellbeing supports.

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

Warmest regards,

*Karen Langdon*



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### **Contributions for 2024**

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum	AMOUNT
<p><i>These contributions directly support a number of important curriculum areas and programs that we offer, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>literacy and numeracy resources</i></li> <li>• <i>the maintenance and repair of musical instruments</i></li> <li>• <i>replacement of sporting equipment</i></li> <li>• <i>purchasing of art supplies and resources</i></li> <li>• <i>purchasing of inquiry and science resources</i></li> <li>• <i>consumables for the classroom</i></li> <li>• <i>student wellbeing supports</i></li> </ul>	\$150.00
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p>	\$25.00
<p><i>Information and Communications Technology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>software and equipment needed to sustain and enhance our ICT program</i></li> </ul>	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

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

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

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Centrepay fortnightly payments
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Local Community Supports

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

Payment can be made by EFT, direct debit (using your child's last name and "v contribution" as the reference, through Centrepay or at the school office by cash. As always you can pay by instalments if you prefer. You can pay online using these details:

#### **Yarram Primary School**

**BSB: 063 526**

**Account# 10141117**

**Sale CBA**

**YPS Council Official Account**

### **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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.