



Parent Payment Arrangements 2023

Dear parent/guardian,

Waubra Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary curriculum 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 is 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 provide all our students the same opportunities both in and out of the classroom. We offer a sustainable device program from Foundation to grade 6, to enable students to enhance digital learning opportunities. This support also helps the school in maintaining the gardens and school grounds, without the need for parent working bees several times a year.

There have been several changes made to our Parent Payment Arrangements following advice from the Department of Education and Training. Waubra Primary School will continue to supply students with classroom consumables needed for students to learn as per previous years. A need may arise during the year to request further voluntary curriculum contributions towards other programs offered

Due to changes in the education department parent payment policy, there will be no family invoices processed and sent to families for curriculum contributions. If you wish to contribute to your child's curriculum costs, details are on the following page.

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

Yours sincerely,

Kane Tolliday
Principal

Catherine Koros
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Art – Variety of Materials including Paper, Craft Supplies, Glue, Paint etc. (\$25)</i> • <i>Science - Materials Batteries, Wire, Straws etc. (\$24)</i> 	\$50
<p><i>Stationary Pack</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Exercise Books,</i> • <i>Grey Lead pencils,</i> • <i>Glue Sticks</i> • <i>Ruler</i> • <i>Coloured Pencil</i> • <i>Textas</i> • <i>Highlighters</i> 	\$70
<i>Individual School Student Diary</i>	\$11
<i>Individual Spelling Mastery Book</i>	\$28
<p><i>Online Learning Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mathletics \$16</i> • <i>Reading Eggs \$16</i> • <i>Essential Assessment \$20</i> 	\$52
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	Free
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$210.00
Other Voluntary Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$
Total 2023 Contribution Amount	\$

Payment methods

Cash/Cheque

Direct Deposit

Direct Deposit Details

Waubra Primary School BSB: 063-862

Account Number: 10038634

Please use Family ID number or Surname as reference.



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Waubra 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Due to increases from year to year it is impossible to price these accurately at the beginning of the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Optional Somers/Woorabinda Camp</i>	TBA
<i>School photo packages – Range between \$15 - \$45</i>	
<i>Optional Grade 2-6 school camp</i>	TBA
<i>Optional Interschool Sports program (Mainly grade 5-6 students)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T20 Cricket • Basketball • Football • Netball 	TBA
<i>Optional whole school EOY excursion – Range Between \$40 - \$55</i>	TBA
<i>Optional whole school incursions – Range between \$5 - 20</i>	TBA

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.

Financial Support

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Flexible payment arrangements are available, please contact the school to arrange these

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Kane Tolliday

Ph: 03 53435358 | Email: kane.tolliday@education.vic.gov.au

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.