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Dear parent/guardian,

Yackandandah Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Yackandandah 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs beyond the bare minimum traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music and physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports us in offering specialist French, Music and Art classes. Your financial contributions also enable us to enrich learning as well as provide camps and excursions for students.

Please find attached Yackandandah Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2024, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide. Please note – there will be no individual books packs provided to students in 2024. All necessary consumable items will be supplied directly to classrooms in bulk and will be distributed to students as and when they are needed.

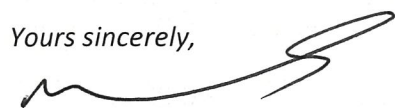
A summary of the suggested voluntary financial contributions per child is below:

Category	Totals
Total Curriculum Contributions and Grounds Contribution	
Year F – 2	\$380.00
Year 3 - 4	\$340.00
Year 5	\$480.00
Year 6	\$340.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Years F-6	User Pays throughout the year as required.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees.

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

Yours sincerely,



Michael Edwards
Principal



Matthew Flower
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> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, beads, card, pencils, pastels • Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, text books, stationery • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers • Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, folders, display books, scissors, rulers • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials • Music – instruments • Library – books, subscriptions	\$145.00
<i>Online Subscriptions – Years F - 2</i> • Reading Eggs • Sunshine Online	\$ 40.00
<i>ICT</i> Year F – 4 provision of devices as a shared classroom set Year 5 ICT Devices – provision of devices for one on one use Year 6 ICT Devices – provision of devices of one on one use	\$ 60 .00 \$200.00 \$ 60.00
Swimming and water safety program	\$ 45.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10.00
Whole school events • Cultural performances • Athletics carnival - entry and transport	\$ 30.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	
Year F – 2	\$330.00
Year 3 - 4	\$290.00
Year 5	\$430.00
Year 6	\$290.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50.00
Total Other Contributions	\$50.00

Educational items for students to own.

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

- Pencil case - (will be provided in the F/1 classes)
- Headphones

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

Yackandandah 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.

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

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School Camps for students in Years 3/4/5/6	TBA
Interschool Sports – Cross country, Swimming & athletics	TBA
Year 3-6 Kanga Cricket Carnival	TBA
Other excursions to be scheduled throughout the year	TBA
Year 5/6 Skiing Program	TBA
Year 6 Shirts	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	

Financial Support for Families

Yackandandah 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:

Sandra McKibbin, Business Manager

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Total

Year Level	Curriculum Contribution	Grounds Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Years F-6	Total Contribution
Year F – 2	\$330.00	\$50.00	TBA	\$380.00
Year 3 – 4	\$290.00	\$50.00	TBA	\$340.00
Year 5	\$430.00	\$50.00	TBA	\$480.00
Year 6	\$290.00	\$50.00	TBA	\$340.00

Payment methods

Payment contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Yackandandah Primary School. Payment can be made electronically via Internet Transfer. Bank accounts details are:

Bank: Westpac

BSB: 033-222

Account Number: 018848

Alternatively, cash payments can be made directly at the school office.

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.