



# Williamstown North Primary School - 1409

5 February 2025

Dear WNPS Families,

Williamstown North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of WNPS's Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2025.

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.

## **Financial Support for Families**

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

- The Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Flexible payment options

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services contact:

Williamstown North Primary School

Tel: (03) 9397 5722 | Email: [Williamstown.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Williamstown.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Please find the itemised list of Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions for your child.

Kind regards,

Richard Buckingham  
Principal

## Curriculum Contributions

This funds Curriculum Items for all children at all Year Levels and includes: - Classroom requisites, such as exercise books, pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, USB stick, headphones, photocopying and craft and all other general supplies for all classes.

The Curriculum Items pack is prepared on your behalf by a commercial supplier. Considerable time has been spent selecting the most appropriate requisites and seeking the best bulk purchase option for the school. In line with the Department of Education and Training Parent Payment Policy, families may choose to decide to independently purchase Curriculum Items, however, we seek your support to purchase through the school supplier. This ensures consistency for all children to have the same materials and requisites at each level.

The Curriculum Contributions also contributes to the cost of resources and equipment for all Specialist Programs across the school, including Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Physical Education, STEM and Japanese, as well as Student Leadership programs such as, Peer Leadership, Buddies, and Year 6 School Leaders. These items or services support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum.

This also contributes to subscriptions used within the classroom and at home throughout the year, including but not limited to Scholastic Literacy and Inquisitive.

Year Level	Amount
Curriculum Contributions – Prep to Year 2	\$300
Curriculum Contributions – Year 3 - 5	\$310
Curriculum Contributions – Year 6	\$330

## Other Contributions

Williamstown North Primary School provides a range of non-curriculum supports and activities. These supports and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Contribution Name	Amount	Description
Digital Technologies Contribution	\$70	Digital technologies including programs, maintenance, resources and consumables are a vital educational need for all students across the school. The functionality and connectivity of all iPads, laptops and netbooks greatly enriches the learning opportunities for all students as they forge their capabilities as digital learners. In addition, our technician Tinh Nguyen will continue to co-ordinate digital technologies across the school.
Health Hub Contribution	\$50	Health and wellbeing, including programs, preventative and responsive resources and consumables enable us to provide a holistic approach to supporting student's health and wellbeing and promotes links between the school community and the broader local community. Our Health Hub ensures all children who are injured or sick at school receive a highly professional level of care. Our registered nurse, Arlene Lawrence will continue to co-ordinate the Health Hub enriching health and wellbeing across the school.

Building Fund Contribution*	\$50	<p>Money from the Building Fund makes a very important contribution in helping to maintain all buildings and facilities to a high standard, so that the learning environment for your child/ren is inviting for them every day.</p> <p>DET provides only a basic amount to schools to maintain facilities. This falls far short from the amount spent annually. We undertake an annual painting program every year as well as addressing the extensive compliance requirements set by DET, WorkSafe and OH&amp;S.</p>
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### 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.