



16th November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2024 and would like to advise you of Wallington Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for next year.

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 resources for our students. We want to thank you for all your contribution, whether that's through fundraising, donations or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school the contributions from parents and guardians have allowed us to continue with our annual library subscription to provide new books and celebrate Book Week each year.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent and guardian community over many years. The voluntary contributions we receive make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of educational resources and facilities for your children. Your support has enabled us to:

- maintain ongoing subscriptions for the literacy and numeracy programs, Reading Eggs and Essential Assessments
- provide high quality programs, materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Language, STEM, Indigenous Studies, Physical Education (PE)
- maintain and develop the school grounds
- ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities
- maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills
- offer effective First Aid for all students.

In 2024, parents are invited to contribute to the purchase of BTS (Back to School) student classroom requisites for all year levels Prep-6. Our supplier is Kookaburra Educational Supplies. All deliveries will be made to school in bulk to classrooms P-6 (not individual packs) for the start of Term 1 2024. Parents will be invited to make contributions to the BTS supplies as well as other voluntary contributions and Extra Curricular Items and Activities as detailed in pages 2-3.

Financial Support for Families

Wallington Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and can offer a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). For further information about CSEF please enquire at the office or go to: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/resources>
- State Schools Relief Committee support.

For a confidential meeting about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss individual payment arrangements, contact the school or via email: wallington.ps@education.vic.gov.au. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview on page 4.

Yours sincerely,

Carmen Britnell
Acting Principal

Glenn Smethurst
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions P-6	
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
Art Consumables – paint, crayons, canvas, clay, glitter, cover paper, foam board, markers, brushes, kinder shapes.	\$20.00
Indigenous Studies consumables Pencils, crayons, gluesticks, scrapbooks, erasers, coloured paper,	\$15.00
Other classroom consumable items: printing, paper, laminating, display boards, cooking items and special activities.	\$30.00
Online Subscriptions (Licensed Programs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Assessments (Numeracy) \$15 Reading Eggs (Literacy) \$15 	\$30.00
IT resources/equipment	\$20.00
Student Diary	\$10.00
First Aid materials	\$10.00
Other Voluntary Contributions (non-curriculum items)	Please nominate amount
School Playground Upgrade & Maintenance	\$
Building fund. A contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$
Tax deductible contribution	
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$
Total Voluntary Amount	\$

Educational items for students P-6

Items that will be provided to all students. We invite parents to make voluntary contributions for these supplies.		Amount (variations may apply due to rounding)
Prep	See attached itemised Kookaburra BTS list.	\$100
Year 1	See attached itemised Kookaburra BTS list.	\$125
Year 2	See attached itemised Kookaburra BTS list.	\$125
Year 3	See attached itemised Kookaburra BTS list.	\$110
Year 4	See attached itemised Kookaburra BTS list.	\$110
Year 5	See attached itemised Kookaburra BTS list.	\$120
Year 6	See attached itemised Kookaburra BTS list.	\$125

Payment for all the above can be made directly to the school via QKR, Eftpos, BPay or Cash . This includes all voluntary contributions.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wallington 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. Information will be sent to parents/guardians prior to events, seeking permission for your child to participate and inviting payment direct to school. **All costs listed below are approximate and will be finalised prior to event.**

Prep – Year 4	Amount
Optional 8–day swimming program: <i>2 days of the swimming and water safety program will be provided for all students at no cost to families. Funding is received by the school to support the delivery of this program to meet curriculum standards. In addition an 8 day Swimming Program will be conducted by the school and can be provided to your child as an extra-curricular user pay program.</i>	\$50-70
Optional P-2 Bunyip camp	\$15-\$20
Optional P-2 excursions whole year	\$50
Optional P-2 Sport events:	\$15
Optional School Photos	\$50
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (approximate)	up to \$205

Year 3/4	Amount
Optional Year 3/4 school camp	\$300
Optional Year 3/4 excursions whole year	\$50
Optional Year 3/4 Interschool Sport events: (Cross country; district Athletics)	\$20
Optional School Photos	\$50
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (approximate)	\$420

Year 5/6	Amount
Optional Year 5/6 school camp	\$300
Optional Year 5/6 excursions whole year	\$50
Optional Health & Human Relations	\$25
Optional Year 5/6 Interschool Sports events: (cross country; lightning premiership; district Athletics)	\$25
Graduation	\$15
Optional School Photos	\$50
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (approximate)	\$465

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.