



Whorouly Primary School

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Parent Payment Policy 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whorouly Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 to contribute to these costs ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We want to thank you for your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time and contributing Curriculum Contributions that directly provide supplies for student use and to access the curriculum. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

2022 sees the Department of Education place new expectations on schools in regard to what contributions parents and carers can make. There is a strong emphasis on the concept that the majority of these payments are voluntary and as such schools can no longer invoice families for areas which can be considered voluntary. That being said we have a very strong culture in our school of parents contributing to the school's resourcing which is greatly appreciated.

In 2022 there are three distinct areas of contribution where parent and carers can contribute. They are Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-curricular Items and Activities. This document is a guide to assist parents and carers in making decisions as to how they want to contribute to their child's education. We hope that by communicating this information with all families that we continue to build our culture of assistance and to ensure complete transparency in the process.

Included in the *Other Contributions* is an optional Grounds Maintenance contribution. Schools are required to employ a contractor to mow and maintain the grounds to meet OHS requirements, where historically parents volunteered their time. Any contribution would be gratefully appreciated.

Parents and carers will need to pay for the *Extra-curricular Activities* - excursions and camps, as they are not considered voluntary and are therefore optional. Where practical we will provide parents with as much time as possible to budget for all expenses. We aim to subsidise these payments to support families in making attendance at these activities more affordable.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview attached. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

PAULINE McPHERSON

Principal

SHANNON PHILLIPS

School Council President



Foundation – Grade 2

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>F-2 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <i>Stationary Pack – includes pens, pencils, crayons, textas, scissors, glue sticks, eraser, sharpeners, ruler, pencil case, cover paper/cartridge paper, scrap books and project workbooks.</i>	\$65.00
<i>Year Foundation to Grade 2 - Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20.00
<i>Year Foundation to Grade 2 - Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mathletics (\$35.00)</i> • <i>Mathseeds (\$23.63)</i> • <i>Reading Eggs (\$23.86)</i> <i>Contribution breakdown is:</i> <i>\$10.00 School Council Fundraising</i> <i>\$32.49 School</i> <i>\$40.00 Parents</i>	\$40.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MACC Student materials \$25.00</i> • <i>MARC Student materials \$25.00</i> 	\$50.00
<i>Year Foundation to Grade 2</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Art – includes art and craft materials</i> • <i>Science (STEAM) – materials</i> • <i>Sports – equipment</i> • <i>Mathematics – resources</i> • <i>English – books</i> • <i>Italian – resources</i> • <i>Music – materials and instruments</i> • <i>Humanities – resources</i> 	No Charge to parents
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements – suggested amount \$20.00 donation</i>	
<i>Student wellbeing programs –</i> <i>Bluearth provided by School Council Fundraising and School budget</i>	No charge to parents
Total Amount	\$175.00



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Whorouly 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>Year Foundation to Grade 2 - Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Year Foundation to Grade 2 - OLC Cluster Days (performance costs only) Bus costs and any additional costs covered by the school</i> <i>Swimming program—entry and travel costs (TBC) To be confirmed (Program cost is provided by the school)</i> <i>Excursions - (TBC) To be confirmed</i> 	\$40.00 TBC TBC	
<i>Grade level camp - Year Foundation to Grade 2 Camp – TBC</i>	TBC	
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$40.00

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$175.00
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$40.00

Payment methods- Cash, cheque or direct deposit

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.



Grades 3-6

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Year 3- 6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationary Pack – includes pens, pencils, textas, scissors, glue sticks, paper, eraser, ruler, pencil case, display books, plastic pockets, folder and subject workbooks. 	\$75.00
<p><i>Year 3 - 6 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></p>	\$20.00
<p><i>Year 3 - 6 Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathletics (\$35.00) Ed Alive (\$8.75) Digital Licence (\$10.00) <p><i>Contribution breakdown is:</i></p> <p>\$10.00 School Council Fundraising</p> <p>\$13.75 School</p> <p>\$30.00 Parents</p>	\$30.00
<p><i>SAKG (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All materials and resources including cooking ingredients 	\$30.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MACC Student materials \$25.00 MARC Student materials \$25.00 	\$50.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art – includes, coloured paper, cartridge paper, cover paper, paint, crayons, and other art materials Science (STEAM) – materials Sports – equipment Mathematics – resources English – books Italian – resources Music – materials and instruments Humanities – resources 	No charge to parents
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>School grounds maintenance and improvements – suggested amount \$20 donation</i></p>	
<p><i>Student wellbeing programs –</i></p> <p><i>Bluearth provided by School Council Fundraising and School budget</i></p>	No charge to parents
Total Amount	\$205.00



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<i>Year 6 Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Year 3 – 6 OLC Cluster Days (performance costs only)</i> <i>Bus costs and any additional costs covered by the school</i> <i>Swimming program – entry and travel costs (TBC) To be confirmed</i> <i>(Program cost is provided by the school)</i> <i>Excursions - (TBC) To be confirmed</i> 	\$40.00 TBC TBC	
<i>Grade level camp -</i> <i>Grade 5/6 OLC Queenscliff Camp - Cost to be confirmed</i> <i>Grade 3/4 - TBC</i>	TBC	
<i>Optional excursions to be scheduled</i>	TBC	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities – (OLC Cluster days)		\$40.00

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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$205.00
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$40.00

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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.