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PARENT PAYMENTS 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Numurkah Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Numurkah Primary School's voluntary financial 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 your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a significant difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wide array of specialist classes; the purchasing of equipment and resources and the provision of digital learning.

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

Yours sincerely,



Debbie Oliver
Principal



Carolynne Parkinson
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Classroom materials, paper, coloured paper, paint, glitter • Science – ingredients, consumables, classroom materials • Art – paint, cover paper, markers, crayons, • Mathematics – equipment and materials • English – classroom readers, take home readers, book boxes • Sports – replacement of equipment and materials • Library – books, equipment • Music – instruments and equipment 	\$40
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics • Reading Eggs • Storybox • Seesaw • Wheelers (Online library) • Typing.com • Science Stile (Yr 3-6) • Compass – online portal and communication 	\$40
ICT Devices – shared classroom sets of Netbooks or i-pads	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Total Amount	\$100
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria membership	\$5
Student wellbeing programs	\$5
First aid & Hygiene equipment	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$5
Total Amount	\$20

Educational items for students to own	
<p>Option A</p> <p>The school recommends you purchase your child's stationery pack from Numurkah Newsagent for your child to individually own and use. Stationery lists are sent out to families during Term 4. Stationery packs cannot be purchased through the school.</p>	
<p>Option B</p> <p>Source your own book pack supplies from the supplies list from your own preferred supplier.</p>	

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Numurkah 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 for these events will be provided to parents throughout the school year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<p><i>Optional School Camp</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prep/1/2 Excursion</i> • <i>Year 2 Sleep over</i> • <i>Year 3/4 Camp</i> • <i>Year 5/6 Camp</i> 	TBA
Optional Swimming program	TBA
Optional Year 5/6 Interschool Sports program	TBA
Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled	TBA

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Families who qualify with a Healthcare Card may access CSEF funding towards camps, excursions and swimming. Applications are available from the school office.
- Centrepay (for parents /cares who receive Centrelink benefits)
- State School Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Ann Shephard, Business Manager on phone: 03 58621426 or email: numurkah.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Payment methods

We would appreciate families making their contributions and payments as soon as possible in the new school year. Contributions and payment should be finalised by the end of February 2023 using the following payment options-

- Eftpos
- Cash
- Centrepay instalments – for eligible families
- Direct deposit – BSB: 063524 A/c No 10051790 A/c Numurkah Primary School

(Please put your family name in the reference)

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.

Refunds will usually be in the form of a credit on the family account unless the family is leaving the school.

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.