



Little River Primary School

2021 Parent Payment Arrangements

Little River Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Little River Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

LRPS strives to promote excellence in learning by developing in our students the skills, values and knowledge to effectively participate as active citizens in the local community and global society. This requires a large amount of time, equipment, materials and expertise. All money received or raised by the school is used to finance learning programs and to maintain and develop our school's buildings and grounds. The difference between funds provided by the Department of Education and Training and those required for us to run quality programs, leaves a shortfall, which our School Council is attempting to raise through fundraising and voluntary financial contributions.

Please find attached and invoice for your child's year level. Little River Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Payment arrangements

To further assist parents with payments, four payment options have been developed:

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| Option A | Payment of the full amount |
| Option B | Four payments at the beginning of each Term |
| Option C | Half yearly payment (beginning of Terms 1 & 3) |
| Option D | Other, payment by arrangement e.g. Centrepay, Payment plan |

Please contact the office on ph. 5283 1214 or at little.river.ps@education.vic.gov.au to make a time to speak to the Business Manager if you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to arrange a payment plan that meets your family's needs. Receipts will be issued to parents upon making payment.

Reminders for unpaid essential education items or optional items will be generated and distributed on a regular basis to parents, but not more than once a month.

All records of payments or contributions and any outstanding payments by parents and guardians are kept confidential.

Camps, Sports Education Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a health care or pensioner benefit card, you may be eligible to apply for a \$125 payment from the Government to assist with the costs of camps and excursions. To complete an application form, please visit the school office with your health care or pensioner benefit card.

Centrepay

If you receive a payment from Centrelink you can choose to pay your school fees by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment. If you would like to set this up, please contact the school office.

Refunds

- All refund requests must be made in writing within 14 days of the event or student exit from the school
- A request for a refund does not automatically equate to a full refund of monies paid
- If the family has outstanding charges to the school, any refund deemed appropriate will be offset against these outstanding charges.
- When required, payment of refunds will be made via direct deposit into a nominated bank account. No cash refunds will be given.
- The policy will ensure that the provision of optional services (i.e. camps, instrumental music) do not incur direct costs to the school
- The Principal will have the capacity to view special circumstances on an individual basis.

There are three areas for which parents may reasonably be requested to make a payment or contribution.

Essential Student Learning Items (Book Pack & School Fees) – These are items, activities or services that the school deems essential to student learning of the standard curriculum. Where practical and appropriate parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide on their own.

2021 Essential student learning items		
Item	Specifications	Cost
Book Pack	This includes all the stationery required by students for the year. Stationery was heavily subsidised by LRPS in 2020 therefore there is an increase in cost this year.	Prep \$ 96 Year 1 \$115 Year 2 \$115 Year 3 \$118 Year 4 \$118 Year 5 \$116 Year 6 \$116
Essential Items (School Fees)	Online maths subscription- Mathseeds (P-1) -Mathletics (2-6) Online literacy subscription-Reading Eggs (P-2) Art and craft materials e.g. visual arts diary, paints, coloured paper, clay and craft items Science materials e.g. tape, vinegar, pipe cleaners, food dye, bicarb Cooking supplies e.g. food items, flour, sugar, pasta LOTE materials e.g. art and craft materials, paper Sport- entrance to interschool sports (3-6)	\$24 \$22 \$22 \$10 \$6 \$5 \$5 \$3
BYOD	The BYOD are on a lease arrangement. Payment must be made before the device can leave school premises. Year 4 Payment in Full (2021 Chrome book) Year 4 Annual Payment (2021 Chrome Book-\$152.20, \$152.20, \$152.20) Year 5 Annual Payment (2020 Netbook- \$200, \$200, \$195) Year 6 Annual Payment (2019 Netbook- \$50 deposit \$200, \$200, \$189)	\$456.60 \$152.20 \$200 \$189

Optional items- These are items, activities or services that are optional and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. They are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. Students may access these on a user pays basis. These may include; school magazines, class photos, camps, excursions, sports programs or activities.

2021 Optional Items	
Item - costs will become available throughout the year.	Cost
Excursions / Incursions	TBA
School camp	TBA
Sporting events/programs	TBA
Year 6 Uniform	\$30-\$50
Year book	\$20
Library Bag	\$12
School Hat	\$12

Voluntary financial contributions – Little River Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. This donation may be tax deductible. Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

2021 Voluntary financial contributions		
Item	Amount	Tax Deductible?
Voluntary Financial Contribution Your contribution will assist in the purchase of classroom sets of music equipment, science equipment, sports equipment and Audio Visual equipment for the school gymnasium.	Nominated Amount	No
Building Fund	Nominated Amount	Yes

Important Dates

Thursday 28th January 2021- Meet and Greet Day. Book pack to be collected and paid for on this day. More information regarding online bookings will be provided at a later date.

28th January, 19th April, 12th July & 4th October- Unpaid students charges, Chrome Book Lease payment, Essential Items & Voluntary Contribution due on these days.

Payment options;

EFTPOS- EFTPOS available when you collect the book pack.

Cash- Pay when you collect the book pack.

BPAY - Contact the office for your BPAY biller code and present your payment receipt when you collect the book pack.

Payment Plan / Centrepay (to be set up) - The book pack must be paid for prior to collection but all other charges can be paid via the plan.

School Council would like to thank our community in advance for your support in ensuring school fees are paid and Book Packs are collected. This ensures we can deliver high quality educational programs to every child at Little River Primary School.



Gavin Nelson
Principal



Leanne Robertson
School Council President