



## Little River Primary School

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### 2024 Grade 5 Students

Dear parent/guardian,

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 voluntary financial contributions for 2024

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to maintain our high-quality reading, writing and maths programs, as well as other curriculum areas such as Art, PE and Indonesian not to mention maintaining and improving our school grounds. In recent times we have been able to do the following projects:

- Continuing to improve areas of the school grounds including additional planting, painting, improving lightning for safety and maintenance works.
- Providing access to a range of technologies for all students including iPads, Chromebooks and robots

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

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Nelson  
Principal

Jacqui Dyson  
School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Grade 5 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$10.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>English – book boxes, soundwave chart, rewrite pocket (\$15.00)</i></li> </ul>	\$ 25.00
<b>Grade 5 Online Subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics (\$20.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggs (\$30.00)</i></li> </ul>	\$ 55.00
<i>Grade 5– provision of 1:1 ICT Devices for use in the classroom</i>	\$ 100.00
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<i><b>School grounds maintenance and improvement.</b> In 2024 will be used in maintaining a natural playspace for students and improving the grounds including additional planting, painting and maintenance works.</i>	\$ 20.00
<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<i><b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. In 2024 the contribution will support upgrades of classroom and shared learning area furniture.</i>	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>

### Educational items for students to own

Little River Primary recommends you purchase your child's educational items from **WINC Schools** for your child to individually own and use.

A list of these educational items is attached along with information on how to order through WINC.

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Little River 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.

These items will be to families during the 2024 school year. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
School magazine/ yearbook	\$20.00 - \$25.00	
Excursions – End of Year Celebration	\$50.00 - \$60.00	
Grade 5/6 Camp	\$350.00 - \$500.00	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$420.00 - \$585.00</b>



## Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (application attached)

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

Gavin Nelson or Cherie Newcombe

Phone: 0352831214

Email: [gavin.nelson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gavin.nelson@education.vic.gov.au) or [cherie.newcombe@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:cherie.newcombe@education.vic.gov.au)

### Summary of Information above

Category	
Educational Items (Booklist items) (via Winc, information attached)	\$ 82.54
Curriculum Contributions (via winc or at school office in 2024) (see above)	\$ 180.00
Other Contributions (via winc or at school office in 2024) (see above)	\$ 20.00
Other Contributions – Tax deductible (building fund) (see above)	\$ 10.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.	\$ see notes above

## Payment methods

Payment for curriculum contributions is available through WINC Schools (*see booklist information attached information*) at the time of purchasing your child's book pack or alternatively your voluntary curriculum contributions and other voluntary contributions can be paid via the office by EFT, Direct Deposit or BPay at the start of 2024 School Year.

Families with credit on their school account should contact Cherie to discuss their options for 2024 for purchasing their educational items.

## 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.

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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.