



## Little River Primary School

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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 2026.**

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is 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

- upgrade classroom learning tools,
- providing students with a 1:1 device for all students across the school,
- upgrade student classroom resources,
- upgrade school playground through building a GaGa pit,
- upgrade sporting equipment.
- new plants in the Worrin Yoloke garden.
- continue to provide the BluEarth program to students for a further term this year.
- providing student leadership uniforms.

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

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Nelson  
**Principal**  
**Little River Primary School**

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Art</b> Paint, crayons and coloured paper <b>(\$10.00)</b></li> <li><b>English and Maths (10.00)</b> Double sided magnetic whiteboard (lined and blank), photocopying and printing.</li> </ul>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Online subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Essential Assessments (Numeracy)</b> (Prep to Grade 2) <b>(\$15.00)</b></li> <li><b>Essential Assessments (Literacy/Numeracy)</b> (Grade 3 to Grade 6) <b>(\$25.00)</b></li> <li><b>Mathseeds</b> (Prep to Grade 2) <b>(\$25.00)</b></li> <li><b>IPad Subscriptions</b> (Prep to Grade 2) <b>(\$5.00)</b></li> </ul>	<b>\$15.00 -</b> <b>\$25.00</b> <b>\$30.00</b>
<b>ICT devices</b> – provision of 1:1 iPad for use in the classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iPad (Prep to Grade 3) Chromebooks (Grade 4 to Grade6)</li> </ul>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<b>School grounds maintenance and improvements</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (Suggested - \$10.00).	<i>[\$parent to complete]</i>

### **Educational items for students to own**

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from WINC for your child to individually own and use.

### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis**

Little River Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

**The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.**

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	Amount
<b>School yearbook</b>	\$25.00
<b>Incursions, Excursions, Sports day and End of Year celebration day</b>	TBC
<b>School camp</b> (costs will confirmed once number of student attending have been confirmed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Grade 2 Sleepover (\$20.00)</b></li> <li><b>Grade 34 Camp (\$400.00 to \$500.00)</b></li> <li><b>Grade 56 Camp (\$400.00-\$500.00)</b></li> </ul>	TBC
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$xx</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**
- **State Schools Relief (SSR)**
- **Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

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

**Gavin Nelson** (Principal) or **Cherie Newcombe** (Business Manager)

**Phone:** 03 52831214

**Email- Gavin Nelson** – [gavin.nelson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gavin.nelson@education.vic.gov.au)

**Email - Cherie Newcombe** – [cherie.newcombe@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:cherie.newcombe@education.vic.gov.au)

## Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	[\$[parent to complete]]
Other Contributions ( <i>Non-tax deductible</i> )	[\$[parent to complete]]
Other Contributions ( <i>Tax-deductible</i> )	[\$[parent to complete]]
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	[\$[parent to complete]]
<b>Total</b>	<b>[\$[parent to complete]]</b>

## Payment methods

Parents are welcome to make voluntary contribution payments either:

- At the time of purchasing educational items through WINC. (EFT)
- At the office from the beginning of the 2026 school year. (EFT, Direct Deposit or cash)
- School Account at the beginning of the 2026 school year.

## 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 Payments 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.