



PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS - 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Niddrie Primary School is looking forward to another great year of learning and we would like to advise you of details in relation to Niddrie 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, parent contributions continue to provide an important and critical source of funding which enables us to supply resources necessary to maximise successful delivery of our learning programs.** 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 continued support of NPS, whether that's through paying the voluntary contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school your financial contribution has allowed us to replenish or upgrade materials to support our curriculum and enhance our quality teaching and learning program. This has included purchasing and maintaining:

- books and resources for teaching reading and writing
- literature for classroom libraries
- hands on materials for teaching mathematics
- games such as chess sets and other maths or problem-solving resources
- sports equipment for the PE and Sports program and lunchtime activities
- art resources for the Arts program as well as classroom programs
- classroom furniture and organisational resources (tubs for books and other class resources)
- wellbeing learning opportunities such as The Resilience Project
- digital technologies including the purchase of laptops, iPads and subscriptions to online resources.

The following pages outline the estimated spend per student for 2023.

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

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Dalton
Principal

Jess Spring-Brown
School Council President



| YEAR 2- Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
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| <p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General classroom materials and equipment e.g. paper, posters/charts, shared classroom stationery, books, pencils, pens</i> • <i>Art – e.g. paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</i> • <i>Science – hands-on materials</i> • <i>Mathematics – numeracy hands-on materials</i> • <i>English – book boxes, readers, classroom library resources</i> • <i>Physical Education – sports equipment</i> | \$139 |
| <p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mathletics (\$18) (F-6)</i> • <i>Reading Eggs (\$15) F-2</i> • <i>PM Reading (\$8) (F-4)</i> • <i>Essential Assessment (\$8) (F-6)</i> | \$49 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| <i>School Sports Victoria membership</i> | \$3 |
| <i>Student wellbeing programs – The Resilience Project</i> | \$19 |
| <i>First aid and hygiene costs</i> | \$8 |
| <i>Compass School Manager</i> | \$12 |
| Total Amount | \$230 |



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Niddrie 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>School magazine/ yearbook (estimated \$14)</i> | \$TBC | |
| <i>Optional Excursions/Incursions (excursions will be advised through Compass prior to event & total cost for the year not expected to exceed \$100)</i> | \$TBC | |
| <i>School Camps</i> | \$TBC | |
| <i>Private instrumental music lessons and instrument hire (students charged upon acceptance into the program)</i> | \$TBC | |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | | \$TBC |

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Individual payment plans for extra-curricular items and activities
- State Schools' Relief support for clothing/uniforms
<https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/schools>
- CentrePay – this is a free direct bill paying service available for customers who receive an Australian Government Department of Human Services Centrelink payment, family assistance payment or Parental Leave Pay
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/centrepay>
- The school has flexible payment arrangements for parents to access if needed. Any questions regarding financial assistance or other issues please see the Principal/Assistant Principal/Business Manager
- Marrung education scholarships: Marrung is a strategy to ensure that all Koorie Victorians achieve their learning aspirations.
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/marrung.aspx>

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

Kellie Busuttil – Business Manager

Ph: 03 9379 6587 | Email: niddrie.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Total

| Category | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$ |
| Other Contributions | \$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$TBC |
| TOTAL | \$ |

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.