



YARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Yarra Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Yarra Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The school receives its primary funding from the Department of Education (DE). This funding is provided as an amount per child each year and is designed to cover essential requirements associated with teaching the basic curriculum.

Why are families still asked to pay a contribution?

We have over 250 children at Yarra PS, each with different needs and different strengths. The parent contributions we receive enable us to provide a truly comprehensive and enriching program for our students – with a diverse range of educational activities and opportunities – over and above those associated with the basic curriculum.

For example, our Kitchen Garden Program is not part of the DE basic curriculum and is wholly funded by Yarra PS, this includes all kitchen and garden supplies as well as garden maintenance to keep the garden growing the food that the students cook and eat. And that's why your parent contributions are so very crucial.

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

Yours sincerely,

Saraid Doherty
Principal

Karlie Hunter
School Council President



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Educational items for students to own

Yarra Primary School purchases stationery items in bulk on behalf of all students (see classroom consumables as part of our Curriculum Contributions below), ensuring all students have access to own and use the same materials; also saving Parents time and money.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual stationery items \$100.00 • Shared classroom supplies \$60.00 • Literacy – Home readers, Online subscriptions \$10.00 • Numeracy – Maths kits, Online subscriptions \$10.00 	\$180.00
<i>Music Program - Music resources, equipment purchasing and upkeep</i>	\$40.00
<i>Whole School Whole Term projects - workbooks, project resources</i>	\$15.00
<i>Japanese/ Intercultural Studies - Origami paper, workbook</i>	\$10.00
<i>Visual Arts - paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc</i>	\$20.00
<i>Kitchen Garden Program – Cooking ingredients, upkeep of the garden and kitchen appliances and equipment</i>	\$100.00
<i>Library - Online subscriptions, new books to keep students engaged in reading</i>	\$20.00
<i>Health and Physical Education Program - sports equipment, uniforms, ribbons and certificates</i>	\$15.00
<i>ICT – YPS does not have a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program we supply all ICT equipment for the students to use. Purchasing of new and upkeep of existing iPads and Chromebooks</i>	\$150.00
<i>Printing - Photocopying / printing of worksheets, learning materials and testing materials</i>	\$30.00
<i>SVT – Student Voice lunchtime clubs and Student representative Training</i>	\$20.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$600.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Make A Difference Student Welfare Fund- helping students in need with their educational requirements, camps, excursions etc</i>	\$
<i>Facilities Maintenance</i>	\$
<i>Grounds Maintenance</i>	\$
Total Other Contributions PLEASE SET YOUR OWN AMOUNT TO DONATE TO ABOVE FUNDS	\$



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

Yarra 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 these incursions/excursions/camps will be advised throughout the year and payable through Compass Pay.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- YPS Make A Difference Student Welfare Fund

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

Traceymarie Bull – Business Manager

Ph: 03 9428 3286 | Email: Traceymarie.Bull@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$600.00
Other Contributions (<i>Non-tax deductible</i>)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. The cost of these incursions/excursions/camps will be advised throughout the year	Payable through CompassPay as required.
Total	\$

Payment methods

- Option #1 = Payment in full in February 2025 through Compass, EFT at school or direct deposit.
- Option #2 = Payment in half yearly instalments – #1 in Term 1 – February and #2 First week of Term 3 – July 2025 by EFT at school or direct deposit
- Option #3 = Payment in quarterly instalments – first week of each Term by EFT at school or by direct deposit
- Option #4 = Payment in monthly instalments – 10 months from February to November through a Compass payment plan (Set and forget).



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Refunds

Yarra Primary School refund arrangements.

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.

Contributions for 2025 are not required until 2025.

Yarra Primary School will post the 2025 Curriculum Contributions on Compass in late January 2025.