

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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* parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for **Year 1** attached.

Yarra Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items to a minimum and affordable for all parents by buying stationery items in bulk, saving parents both time and money.

Why are parents asked to make financial contributions?

The school receives its primary funding from the Department of Education and Training (DET). 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 DET basic curriculum and is wholly funded by Yarra PS, this includes all kitchen and garden supplies as well as a gardener to keep the garden growing the food that the students cook and eat.

And that's why your parent contributions are so very crucial.

Financial Support for Families

Yarra primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options for those with a Commonwealth Health Care Card, including:

- *the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)*
- *State Schools' relief.*

Yarra Primary School will consider all applications for hardship in exceptional circumstances e.g. Family crisis.

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

Traceymarie Bull – Business Manager

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Payment Methods

- a. Option #1 = Payment in **full** in February 2021 through Compass, EFT at school or direct deposit.
- b. Option #2 = Payment in **half yearly** instalments – #1 in Term 1 – February and #2 First week of Term 3 – July 2021 by EFT at school or direct deposit
- c. Option #3 = Payment in **quarterly** instalments – first week of each Term by EFT at school or by direct deposit
- d. Option #4 = Payment in **monthly** instalments – 10 months from February to November through a Compass payment plan (Set and forget).

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

Yours sincerely,

*Valetta McDonald
Acting Principal*

*Peter Brace
School Council President*



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Fee schedule – Year 1

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Yarra Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Book List (see attachment)	Year 1- \$180.00
Numeracy Consumables -Essential Assessment Account	\$7
Literacy Consumables -Essential Assessment Account	\$2.50
Science Consumables -Observations Notebook -Individual Science Experiment Resources	\$20
Visual Art Consumables -Paints -Craft Items -Art Show Individual Canvass	\$40
Japanese Consumables -Individual Craft Supplies E.g. Origami Paper -Ink & Paper -Notebook	\$20
Health and Physical Education Consumables -Individual Equipment E.g. Skipping Rope -Ribbons & Certificates	\$10
Kitchen Garden Consumables -Individual Food Items E.g. Cooking Ingredients	\$20
Library Consumables -Individual Virtual Library Account	\$2.50
Inquiry Consumables -Notebook	\$2.50
TOTAL	\$304.50

Attached is a booklist of the items that your child will use in the classroom. If there are any items you would like to **purchase yourself** on the attached booklist please indicate and return to school no later than **Friday 27th November 2020** so the school can amend our bulk stationery order and prepare accordingly.



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Optional Items

Yarra Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. Please help support the school in the provision of these additional education programs that are a vital part of our school's unique learning environment.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year and payable through Compass Pay.	To be advised via Compass as they arise.
Kitchen Garden Contribution- upkeep of the garden and kitchen appliances and equipment	\$50
Library Books Contribution- new books to help keep students engaged in reading	\$50
Science equipment Contribution- new robotics equipment and accompanying software	\$80
ICT Contribution – YPS does not have a BYOD program we supply all ICT equipment for the students to use. Purchasing of new and upkeep of existing iPads and Chromebooks	\$80
JSC – Lunchtime clubs and student representative training	\$10
Photocopying, student work and resources	\$10
P.E. / sports equipment – replacement of lost or damaged sports equipment.	\$20
TOTAL	\$300

Voluntary Contributions

Yarra Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family			Amount
Make A Difference Student Welfare Fund- helping students in need with their educational requirements.	No	\$50	\$150	\$200+	
Facility Maintenance	No	\$50	\$150	\$200+	
Grounds Maintenance	No	\$50	\$150	\$200+	
TOTAL					\$

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.

Parent Payment Charges

<i>Essential Student Learning Items</i>	<i>Amount \$304.50</i>
<i>Optional Items</i>	<i>Amount \$300.00</i>
	<i>TOTAL \$604.50</i>

<i>Voluntary financial contribution per family</i>	<i>Amount \$150+</i>
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Please note:

*Parents who want to purchase items on the booklist themselves must return the booklist indicating the items they wish to purchase themselves no later than **Friday 27th November 2020**.*

We will be placing our bulk stationery order with our suppliers at the beginning of December 2020. If parents do not notify the school about purchasing the items themselves by the due date we will order the supplies on your child's behalf.

Payments for 2021 are not required until 2021.

Yarra Primary school will post the 2021 school fees on Compass in late January 2021.