NARRAWONG DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Narrawong, 3285
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Principal: Tara Hulonce

18 November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Narrawong District Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 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. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We 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 will allow us to provide specialist programs such as Music, Physical Education and Science. Students have access to digital learning platforms such as Essential Assessments, SoundsWrite, Inquistive, JAMF, SeeSaw and Google Classroom.

Our students' wellbeing will also be strongly supported by our emphasis on Positive Education, Respectful Relationships, and our core values of Respect, Kindness, and Responsibility. Students will have access to a wide range of materials and experiences that will allow them to create and innovate.

Please note that for 2026, our School Council has endorsed our voluntary financial contributions of $200. This will include the provision of all books, stationery, online Apps and access to ICT devices for all students from Foundations- Grade 6.

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

Yours sincerely,

Tara Hulonce
Principal

Kathleen McDonald
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment. (Including Art supplies, Literacy texts, student workbooks and resources, Maths materials and Sports equipment)	$80
Online Subscriptions (COMPASS, Essential Assessments, JAMF, SeeSaw) ***costs school more than $100***	$80
ICT Devices – provision of devices, technology equipment, headphones & Apps	$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	**$180**

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
Photocopying	$20
Total Other Contributions	**$20**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Narrawong District 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**Amount**
Curriculum enhancement- cultural incursion/excursions.	TBC
Student Transport- sports days/ community events/ excursions etc.	TBC
Swimming (Pay as you go)	TBC
Grade 3-6 Camps and Grade 2 Sleepover (Pay as you go)	TBC
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**TBC**

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	$180
Other Contributions	$20
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBC
Total	**$200**

Financial Support for Families
Narrawong District 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 payment arrangements, contact: Ph: 03 5529 5375 or the following:

Robyn Frost - Business Manager Email: Robyn.frost@education.vic.gov.au
Tara Hulonce – Principal Email: tara.hulonce@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods
We accept: Direct deposit (BSB- 06 3536 Account #1006 1293), Cash or cheque payments.

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.