



## **2026 Parent Payment Arrangements**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Warrnambool East Primary School (WEPS) is looking forward to another exciting year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of your child's voluntary financial contributions for 2026. At WEPS, our unwavering commitment to excellence drives us to continuously innovate our educational programs, tailored to meet the unique needs and interests of each of our students. We take great care to keep the costs associated with various school items and activities as low as possible, ensuring affordability for all parents in our community.

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 an enriched curriculum and learning experiences that go beyond the standard requirements, extending beyond what is funded by the Government. 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.

We take immense pride in offering a comprehensive and well-resourced education program at WEPS, one that aligns with the individual needs and aspirations of our students. Our commitment to providing rich and diverse learning experiences sets us apart.

The School Council is appreciative of your contributions, which have enabled us to provide outstanding facilities and resources for our students such as:

- Literacy books and classroom readers
- Classroom furniture
- Arts, Science, PE and Humanities resources
- Maintenance of our school grounds and improvements to play areas
- First Aid materials
- Library enhancements including the latest books
- Many other materials that assist us run our high-quality programs.

**School Council has again decided to purchase all student curriculum consumables in bulk in 2026. This approach helps reduce the ordering burden on families, keeps prices competitive, and ensures we provide the highest quality materials for our students.**

We look forward to the upcoming year with optimism and enthusiasm, knowing that with your support, we can continue to achieve excellence in education. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview attached.

Marina Milich  
Principal

David Long  
School Council President

## **Financial Support for Families**

Warrnambool East 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) – Families who qualify with a health care card may access CSEF funding towards camps, swimming, and excursions. Application for this will be required each year and parents will be advised when applications are accepted. For each primary school student who qualifies, the school will receive \$400 which will be credited towards sport, swimming, excursions and camps.
- State Schools Relief – SSR provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist), on the advice of the school. Schools are able to submit an application directly, whenever they believe there is a need to support a student whose family / carers are facing difficulty in providing the appropriate uniform, footwear or educational items for attending school.
- Second hand uniforms onsite (when available)
- We encourage payment plans and can have money directed from Centrelink using Centrepay.

For a discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact: Leanne Ross on 5562 4100 or by email [leanne.ross@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:leanne.ross@education.vic.gov.au)

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<p>At WEPS, each year the school purchases essential goods, on behalf of parents/carers. These items are made available to students and avoid the need for parents to supply them. By purchasing these items on behalf of students we are able to obtain substantial discounts and provide a simple system where every child receives the required stationery.</p> <p>Essential classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom Requisites - craft paper, workbooks, pencils, pencil case, highlighters, sharpener, diary / logbook, whiteboards, whiteboard markers, book boxes, crayons/pastels, numeracy blocks, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</li> <li>Art, STEM, Performing Arts, Science, Discovery/Inquiry, Sports Equipment and Materials - craft paper, glitter, paint, flour, oil, sugar, eggs, baking soda, seasonal and other ingredients, propagation materials, sport equipment</li> </ul>	<p>\$100</p> <p>\$60</p>
<p>Online Subscriptions and Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PIVOT / Seesaw / Compass</li> </ul>	\$40
<p>ICT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared class sets, headphones, computer technical materials</li> </ul>	\$20
<p>Swimming / Winter Sports / PE Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prep-Year 6 Water Safety / Swimming (subsidised by DE)</li> <li>Sports &amp; Physical Education Program</li> </ul>	\$40
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$260</b>

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Warrnambool East 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, and families will be notified via compass when these events are coming up.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b> **	<b>Approx. Amount</b>
<p>Excursions / Incursions including Specialist classes <i>and</i></p> <p>Swimming - additional lessons</p>	\$100-\$150
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$100-\$150</b>

**\*\*Families are encouraged to pay this at the beginning of the school year and as each activity charge is raised it will automatically be deducted from this credit on your account. This reduces the need for multiple small payments throughout the year, and any remaining balance will be carried forward to the following year.**

<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Suggested Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>
School Sports Victoria Affiliation and District Sports Fee	\$5	\$_____
Student wellbeing programs	\$15	\$_____
First aid equipment – sanitiser, sunscreen, band aids, icepacks, tissues, vomit bags etc	\$10	\$_____
School Assistance Fund – this voluntary contribution aids students from families who experience financial hardship to attend school camps and excursions	\$25	\$_____
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$25	\$_____
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$_____</b>

<b>Other Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Camps &amp; Major Excursions</b> <i>Parents will be notified of confirmed camp cost and payment arrangement during the year</i>	<b>Approximate Amount</b>
Year 6 Camp	\$350
Year 5 Extended Day Excursion	\$50
Year 4 Camp	\$220
Year 3 Extended Day Excursion	\$50
Year 1/2 Excursion / Activity	\$50
Foundation	\$50

### **Payment Methods**

**Compass (preferred)** – Please log into your account for various payment options

**BPay** – Please contact the school office for Biller Code and Reference Number

**Direct Deposit** – **Account Name:** Warrnambool East PS,  
**BSB:** 063-093 **A/c:** 10000626  
**Reference:** Surname / Student ID

**Centrepay** – Please contact school for forms

**Eftpos** – in person or over the phone

### **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 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.