



HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

IF YOU NEED HELP TO UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION IN THIS POLICY PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA LEWIS (ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL) ON (03) 9481 0009.

Dear Northcote Parents and Carers,

Northcote Primary School is looking forward to another great year of learning and teaching, and would like to advise you of Northcote Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022. Victorian Government Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education for our students, supporting our school to provide the programs, resources, and materials to foster learning outcomes. We want to thank you for all your ongoing support. Your financial contributions continue to make a significant impact on the programs we offer and the education of our students.

As highlighted in the Department of Education and Training's (DET) Parent Payments Policy (please see the one-page overview linked to this document) there are three categories for parent payment requests and these are outlined below, this document is also located on the Northcote Primary School website.

Curriculum Contributions: Curriculum Contributions are voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions: Other Contributions are voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities: Extra-Curricular Items and Activities are items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free in order to deliver the Curriculum. Extra-Curricular Items and Activities are provided on a user-pays basis. They include optional excursions and camps, optional sporting or music programs, and materials that don't relate to the curriculum such as school magazines.

For the commencement of the 2022 school year, teachers from every year level organised classroom consumables from Paperchase. These were delivered during January 2022 prior to the student commencing, this has enabled a smooth transition for your child/ren to have the necessary curriculum consumables items required ready for their first day back at school.

At Northcote Primary School we make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities affordable for all parents, the total cost for the 2022 School Year for curriculum contributions is \$240.00.

The School Council of Northcote Primary School determines the parent payments each year in line with the Victorian DET guidelines. Parent payments are requested to enhance the educational opportunities for our students, and further enrich the learning and teaching programs. Parent contributions in all forms are highly valued by our school community as they ensure our students can access a broad range of learning opportunities. At Northcote Primary School the financial contribution will support us to enhance digital learning opportunities, increase classroom resources and upgrade curriculum equipment, including science resources, numeracy and literacy.

Yours sincerely,

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Shaun Wells

Andrew Schmidt

Principal

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>These classroom consumable items will be used throughout the year by your child. These items will be provided to your child's classroom ready for their first day of school. (bulk purchased book list items for use in classroom)</i></p> <p><i>These items include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, textbooks, stationary, maths kits</i> ● <i>English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers,</i> ● <i>Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrapbooks, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, F-2 Home Reading Journal / 3- 6 School Diary</i> ● <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading, clay and craft items.</i> ● <i>Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</i> ● <i>Sports/Physical Education – equipment, ribbons, materials</i> ● <i>Italian – books, pens, markers and folders</i> ● <i>Library – books, subscriptions</i> <p><i>Bulk items - Coloured paper, cardboard, stickers, post-it notes, whiteboard markers, laminating sheets</i></p>	\$120.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Classroom Consumables for Art– eg paper, paint, clay, wool, and craft items</i> 	\$20.00
<p><i>ICT (co-contributions - for student devices years P - 2 and 5 – 6) and online subscriptions including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Compass</i> ● <i>Reading Eggs (p - 2)</i> ● <i>Essential Assessment - Literacy</i> ● <i>Essential Assessment – Numeracy</i> 	\$100.00
Total Amount	\$240.00

<i>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	\$ 0.00
<i>Total Amount</i>	\$0.00
<i>Tax deductible contributions</i>	
<p>Please contact the office for the banking details for contributions to be deposited directly in the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northcote Primary School – Building Fund <p><i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure</i></p> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northcote Primary School – Library Fund <p><i>A tax-deductible contribution toward the acquisition of books for the School Library and other costs associated with the School Library</i></p>	
<i>Total Amount</i>	

Educational items for students to own

Families wishing to purchase these items themselves can contact the school office for a list of recommended items.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Northcote 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. Early in the 2022 School year an overview of extra-curricular activities with, where possible, estimated cost will be communicated to all families. Involvement in extra-curricular activities will be arranged via Compass, so that parents/carers can provide consent using an online permissions form and also pay for the event all on one platform. This allows for a more streamlined process.

Financial Support for Families

Northcote 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 – which is available to support families in need with devices and uniform
- Flexible Payment Arrangements

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

Caterina Carnovale (Business Manager) or Shaun Wells (Principal)

Phone: 03 9481 0009

Email:

caterina.carnovale@education.vic.gov.au

or shaun.wells@education.vic.gov.au

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	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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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.