



Preston West Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Preston West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Preston West Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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's 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 support has allowed us to offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences including enhanced digital learning opportunities.

Preston West 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) is available for eligible families.
 - Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. Application forms can be obtained from the Office. Parents who currently receive the CSEF and who remain eligible will automatically have their 2026 application processed by the School.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these service options, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the Principal, Cheryl Bondeson on 9470 1546.

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

Yours sincerely,

Cheryl Bondeson

Principal

Matthew Burke

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>General classroom consumables, materials & equipment including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise books, grey lead pencils, rulers, paper, scissors, eraser, pencil sharpener, glue sticks, folders, textas, coloured pencils, reference books, paper Sports – equipment Art supplies – glitter, glue, clay, craft materials, coloured paper, paint acrylic and watercolour, coloured pencils Printing and photocopying of learning resources for students' use <p>(these are initial requirements that will be replenished during the year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICT – This component contributes to the costs of technology in the school – purchase and maintenance of hardware, digital learning devices, software and the provision of devices from the shared classroom sets <p>Online Subscriptions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Essential Assessment 	<p>\$160.00</p> <p>\$120.00</p>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid equipment and supplies	\$50.00

If Parents choose to purchase materials themselves, this should be done in consultation with the School, as items must meet the specifications and policies of the school. The school receives a very competitive price as we buy in bulk and distribute, as required, throughout the year. We have found that this method is beneficial to your child.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Preston West 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<p><i>Incursions/excursions/activities, Grade 4 & 6 Camps and sporting activities to be scheduled in 2026</i></p> <p>You will be advised of the potential cost as they are planned throughout the year.</p>	TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for holders of current Health Care Cards

Totals

Category	Suggested Amount:	Or nominated amount:
Curriculum Contributions	\$280.00	
Other Contributions	\$50.00	
Total payable to School	\$330.00	

Payment methods: We accept payment via Eftpos, BPay, Cash/Cheque. Compass is our online communications tool. It is available to the community for all communications as well as payments.

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.