

Dear parent/guardian,

Lightning Reef Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Lightning Reef Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 purchase take home books for your child to read each night and computer programs such as Epic, Essential Assessments, Literacy Pro and PM ebooks.

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

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Ryan - Principal

Daria Turnbull – School Council President

Student/Family details	Year level

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables (book pack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backpack per student (\$75) QTY: 	\$
Specialist consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20)</i> • <i>Music – (\$5)</i> • <i>PE – Sporting Equipment (\$5)</i> 	\$
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessments (\$15) P-6 QTY: • Sunshine Online (\$10) P-6 QTY: • Literacy Pro (\$15) 3-6 QTY: • PM ebooks (\$15) P -2 QTY: 	\$
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials (\$10)	\$
Swimming and water safety program	\$20 (transport)
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics - entry and transport (\$10) QTY: • Swimming carnival - entry and transport (\$15) QTY: 	\$
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid equipment	\$20
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
Total Amount	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Lightning Reef 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.*

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be confirmed throughout the year. *The below prices are a guide only for future planning/budgeting purposes and may change once confirmed.*

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Gym Program Prep – 2	\$20	
Meerkat Incursion whole school	\$10	
Stomp Dance Program	\$20	
Foundation Stay and Play	\$10	
Foundation Bendigo Excursion	\$40	
Foundation Major Excursion	\$60	
Year 1 Dinner and Entertainment	\$25	
Year 2 Sleepover	\$25	
Years 1 and 2 Excursion	\$60	
Years 3 and 4 Malmsbury Camp [See requesting parent payments for camps and excursions one-page overview for more information]	\$110	
Years 3 and 4 Excursion	\$60	
Years 5 and 6 Camp [See requesting parent payments for camps and excursions one-page overview for more information]	TBA	
Grade 5 and 6 Excursion	\$60	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Centrepay payment option
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Kristie Coates

Ph: 03 5443 2501 | Email: kristie.coates@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods

Eftpos – in school only

Bank transfer

Centrepay

Compass portal

Cash – handed directly to school office in a clearly labelled envelope

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 Payment 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

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.