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WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Warrnambool West Primary School for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Warrnambool West Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Chelsea Maddocks / Business Manager Phone 5561 3161 or Email chelsea.maddocks@education.vic.gov.au

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 5561 3161. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Holdsworth,
School Principal.

Amelia Armitage,
School Council President.

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Warrnambool West Primary School 2027 Parent Contributions Arrangements

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	**$290.00**	$ [parent to complete]

Extra-curricular items and activities

Warrnambool West Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps and excursions
- class, individual and family photos
- grade 6 jumpers

We have provided confirmed or indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below.

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made now or later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost	Confirmed cost (where known)	Parent/carer to select
Grade 3/4 Camp	**$400.00**		
Grade 5/6 Camp	**$440.00**		
Grade 6 Jumper	**$62.00**		
School Photos	**$20.00 - $60.00**		

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Learning materials for students to own

Booklist items:

You can choose to buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier.

Warrnambool West Primary School has an arrangement with the following supplier for the materials that you can buy, Campion Education.

If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis. If you wish to buy items through the supplier, please go to www.campion.com.au or see recommended list available on Compass or paper copies of lists are available at the General Office.

If you would like to buy items to own that are not from this supplier, you can contact the General Office for a paper copy of the required items that will be used.

Financial help for families

Warrnambool West Primary School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.

- **Affordable School Uniforms** - delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.

- **Centrepay** – this option allows families who receive a Centrelink payment to nominate a fortnightly or monthly amount to be paid directly to our School.

- **Flexible Payment Arrangements** – please discuss this option with the General Office.

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact:
Karen Holdsworth / Principal or Chelsea Maddocks / Business Manager
Phone: 5561 3161 / Email: warrnambool.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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Payment methods

If you want to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can decide when to make each contribution and choose the amount of each contribution.

- BPay – Biller Code 87361 / Please contact school for your family reference number
- Direct Deposit - Account Name : Warrnambool West Primary School
  BSB : 063 533
  Account No : 1007 1908
  Reference : Use Student Name
- Centrepay – Service Provider Number 555 092 450V / please contact school for further assistance
- Payment via Cash or Eftpos can be made in person at the General Office

Refunds

We will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the individual circumstances. Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs. When a child becomes unwell and cannot attend, in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

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Parent Contributions policy

Information for families



FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.



FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided from home, schools will provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.

Schools must publish their Parent Contributions arrangements on their school website, along with a link to the department's Parent Contributions policy.