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Dear parent/guardian,

Wodonga South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is highly valued by our school community. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning.

At Wodonga South Primary School, we design and develop learning and teaching programs drawing on the best educational knowledge and practices and strive to offer broad and enriched opportunities to students that are above and beyond what is required in the standard curriculum and what is provided for by Government funding.

Wodonga South Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum to remain affordable for all parents & carers. We have attached information about the curriculum contributions requested for 2022 and provided examples of items to be purchased with this payment.

Further information will be distributed at the start of next year to assist you with arranging via your choice of our currently accepted payment methods such as Xuno, BPay, EFTPOS/credit card or cash.

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

Yours sincerely,



Clint Eckhardt – Principal



Cody MacDonald – School Council President

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum:	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Student Resource Pack</i> – includes items used for Literacy, Numeracy & Inquiry such as pencils, pens, markers, highlighters, writing/exercise books & scrap books, scissors, ruler, folders, display books, etc. • <i>General Classroom consumables</i> – includes shared items such as paper, sticky tape, glue, facial tissues and whiteboard markers & erasers • <i>Specialist consumable materials, equipment and costs associated with our specialist subjects</i> – Materials & Technology, Information Technology, Science, Music, Library, Auslan, Visual Art, Physical Education. eg. art/craft materials, paint, crayons, cardboard, glitter, coloured paper, etc. 	\$80
Total Annual Amount PER STUDENT	\$80

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wodonga South 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 include items such as:

- Optional Grade 6 shirt
- Optional School Camp – (Year 3/4 and Year 5/6)
- Optional Whole School photos
- Optional Sporting Days (Cross country, Athletics)
- Other optional excursions to be scheduled throughout the year

No payment is required for these items or activities at this time – permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2022.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (for eligible card holders)
- Centrepay
- State Schools Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the Principal or Business Manager on (02) 6056-3255 or via email at wodonga.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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 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.