



The Lake Primary School No.3581

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Dear parent/guardian,

The Lake Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of The Lake 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 all of our students.

As an example, these resources have been purchased in the past with voluntary school fees-

- Purchase resources for our new STEAM program
- Purchase PE equipment that allows for diverse sporting activities
- Purchase testing and assessment tools for Prep to Year 6 levels
- Guided reading book sets
- Online learning programs (Reading Eggs, Apple Apps, Sunshine online, ePm)
- Purchase of TV Smart Screens and necessary equipment for every classroom to enhance digital learning opportunities
- Upgrading internet and ICT internet connectivity to ensure coverage for all classrooms
- Upgrading student furniture as required
- Purchasing essential math equipment to support hands-on, real-life learning

These resources would not have been possible to purchase without the kind financial support from families who have in the past regularly contributed to our voluntary school fees.

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

Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Warburton
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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	Suggested total amounts
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment for Maths and Literacy (pencils, crayons, rulers, text books, glue sticks, paper)</i>	\$70	
<i>STEAM consumables</i>	\$50	
<i>Sports – equipment</i>	\$30	
<i>School incursions (visiting performers, authors etc)</i>	\$20	
<i>Online Subscriptions</i>	\$30	\$200
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	
<i>Student wellbeing programs (eg. R.A.G.E program, Student Wellbeing)</i>	\$50	
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$50	\$100
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Parent Choice)		
The Lake 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. You will be contact during the School Year to see if you wanted to take up the following opportunities:	Amount	
Optional - School magazine	\$20.00 approx	
Optional – Year Prep Dinner	\$10.00 approx	
Optional - Year 1/2 Activity Day Sleepover	\$30.00 approx	
Optional – Year 3/4 Camp	Btw \$350-450	
Optional – Year 5/6 Camp	Btw \$350-450	

Financial Support for Families

The Lake 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) and State Schools Relief (SSR) which is funding families can obtain if they have a valid Health Care Card.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Robyn Bacon on Ph: 03 5023 3468 Email: robyn.bacon@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods:

Cash/Cheque, EFTPOS (in person/over the phone), Bpay – details on your family statement (or contact the office)
EFT – BSB 063520 Account: 10057923 Ref: Family Code

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.