



23/11/2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Milawa Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is 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 a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; a variety of upgrades to our buildings and grounds and more.

In addition to the voluntary contributions, we also offer rich extra-curricular activities including camps and excursions, these can be accessed on a user pays basis.

We will send an invoice to all families at the beginning of term 1, 2024 detailing each family's specific amounts and this will clearly outline each of the financial charges.

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

Yours sincerely,

Bron Wright

Principal

and Milawa Primary School Council



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment including ICT, generalist classroom and specialist subjects.	\$250
School Events including Cluster Days, local excursions, transport, and incursions	\$150
<i>Swimming and water safety program</i>	\$75
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$ 475

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$120
Total Other Contributions	\$120

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis.

Milawa Primary School offers a camps and excursions program that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 34 School camp to 15 Mile Creek	\$200
Year 56 School Camp to Queenscliff	\$400
Year F-2 Major Excursion TBA	\$50
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ as above



Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *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 Mrs Wright.

Payment Methods

Statements will be sent to families at the beginning of term 1 with the above charges outlined.

Payments can also be made at anytime in cash, or via EFT.

We welcome payment in regular instalments as we know this works best for many families. Please chat with Mrs Wright to set this up.

Milawa Primary School

BSB: 063531

Account Number: 00900925

Please ensure all payments are clearly labelled with the purpose of payment and email the school to notify our business manager of the transaction.

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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.