



# NOBLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

Noble Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and we would like to advise you of our 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 financial support of our families ensure that our school can offer above and beyond what is set out in the mandated curriculum. We want to thank you for your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a significant difference to our school and the programs that we can offer.

Within our school this support has enabled us to offer special curriculum experiences, additional resources for learning opportunities and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

Please find Noble Park Primary Schools voluntary financial contributions scheduled for 2024 with an overview. For further information on the Department of Educations Parent Payment Policy please refer to the one-page overview attached.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the office to make an appointment with myself or Mitch Welsh.

Yours sincerely,

Jodie Pyman  
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**Please find below the 2024 Parent Payment costs.**

<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<b>LEARNING HOUSE CONSUMABLES, MATERIALS &amp; EQUIPMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Specialist subjects – paint, crayons, canvas, coloured paper</li><li>Printing and photocopying of worksheets/learning materials.</li><li>Learning house sets of books and stationery.</li><li>Learning house consumables, materials &amp; equipment</li></ul>	\$100.00
<b>DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provision of devices from the shared learning house sets</li></ul>	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$120.00
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	Amount
For non-curriculum items and activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student wellbeing programs</li></ul>	\$10.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First aid equipment</li></ul>	\$10.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School grounds maintenance and improvements</li></ul>	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$40.00

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES – PROVIDED ON A USER-PAYS BASIS

Noble Park 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 no payment is made or arranged then your child will not be able to participate in the activity). The cost of these items will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Noble Park 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
- State Schools' Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements – please contact the office to make an appointment with Jodie Pyman (Principal).

<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES</b> Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled throughout 2023 As a guide the approximate cost for the year for each year level is:	<b>Amount</b>
<b>FOUNDATION TO YEAR 2:</b> Excursions/Incursions to be scheduled, visiting presenters, swimming program	TBA
<b>YEAR 3 and YEAR 4:</b> Excursions/Incursions to be scheduled, visiting presenters, swimming program	TBA
<b>YEAR 5 and YEAR 6:</b> Excursions/Incursions to be scheduled, visiting presenters, swimming program, camp, interschool sport	TBA

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Curriculum Contributions		\$120.00
Other Contributions		\$40.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		TBA
<b>Payment Amount Total</b>		<b>\$160.00</b>

## **PAYMENT METHODS**

We would appreciate families making contributions and payments as soon as possible in the new school year. Payments can be made by:

- EFTPOS (Preferred method – direct or over the phone)
- Cash payment at the front office

## **REFUNDS:**

All refunds must be made in writing and are subject to the discretion of the school / 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. For further information on the Education Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

# 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.