

Dear parent/guardian,

Lismore Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Lismore 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide special curriculum experiences, a wider variety of specialist programs, further staff to support learning, purchase teaching resources such as textbooks, provide one-to-one devices across the school as well as purchasing stationary supplies for our students.

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

Yours sincerely,

Tegan Aquilina
Principal

Naomi Moyle
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Stationery Pack (includes items such as the student diary, exercise books, pencils, pens, highlighters, glue sticks, rulers, erasers)	\$100
Digital Subscriptions (includes Essential Assessment, Progressive Achievement Tests, Mangahigh, Reading Eggs)	\$50
Specialist Consumable Resources (includes items such as paper, glue, fabric and other items that are consumed in the course of learning in MACC, MARC and Japanese)	\$20
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$30
Total Amount	\$200

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Lismore 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.

These items and activities will be sent to families as the details and costing are finalised.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Grade 3-6 school camp	TBA	
Other optional excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Instalment Payments via the office

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Michelle McLeod

Ph: 03 5596 2121 | Email: michelle.mcleod@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

School payments can be made via several methods.

Cash or cheque to the school office or direct deposit. Please add your family name to all direct deposits. Instalment payments can also be arranged through the office.

Direct Deposit - Bank account details:

Account Name: Lismore Primary School Council

BSB No: 063-508

ACC No: 10074116

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.