



Parent Payment Arrangements 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whittington Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Essential Student Learning Items are those items used in the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program that parents and guardians are responsible for and may choose to either provide, or pay the school to provide. These items include:

- Materials that the individual student takes possession of including student stationery
- Materials for learning and teaching where the student consumes or take possession of the finalised articles
- Essential services associated with, but not considered to be part of, instruction in the standard curriculum program, such as costs associated with camps, excursions and incursions which all students are expected to attend.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS (F – 6)	
Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.	
Stationery/Book Pack Includes all stationery items and classroom consumables required for the year. (Includes: Paper, pencils, scissors, folders, writing books, textas etc.) Please note: The School does not request parents to purchase these items separately.	\$80
Art Supplies Materials for art/craft such as glitter, coloured paper, cardboard, paint and craft materials.	\$20
STEM Supplies Student materials for use in STEM classes such as notebooks, cardboard, coloured paper and classroom consumables.	\$30
Online Subscriptions	\$10
Kitchen Garden Program	\$10
TOTAL	\$150
OPTIONAL ITEMS	
Camps/Excursions/Incursions	In 2021, payments for camps and excursions/incursions will be charged to families as they occur throughout the year.
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS	We do not ask for voluntary contributions

Parents who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card are exempt from paying these fees.

Whittington Primary School continues to make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum to ensure equal and affordable access for all of our students.

Financial Support for Families

Whittington Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty from time to time. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school to have a confidential discussion about payment options. Eligible families can also apply for financial support through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

Payment Methods

Parents are able to make payments at the school office by cash only.

Refunds

The school will consider refunds to families where it is reasonable and fair (for example, if the school has not incurred a cost).

Where the school has incurred costs, a full or partial refund may be considered at the discretion of the Principal. Consideration will take into account individual family circumstances, such as unavoidable cancellations if a family experiences a crisis or sudden serious illness and the student can no longer attend the event.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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School Council President

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.