



White Hills Primary School

ABN 11 511 517 849

Principal: Mr Andrew Schaeche

Assistant Principal: Mr Scott Ross

Dear parent/guardian,

White Hills Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of White Hills Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Schaeche

Principal

David Treloar

School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 6 Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Assessment Maths (\$10) 	\$10
Year 6 Netbook Computer Lease – provision of 1:1 device	\$125
Year 6 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Library Contribution to the replacement of books	\$20
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$15
Total Amount	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

White Hills 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 you would like to purchase an activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Jets Gym Program	\$40	
Year 6 school camp	\$360 approx.	
Swimming Program	\$46	
School Performances X 2	\$20	
Other Year 6 excursions to be scheduled	\$45 TBA	
Athletics carnival - entry and transport	\$5	
Grade 6 Graduation (Bears & balls)	\$TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$



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Financial Support for Families

White Hills Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options.

- The school's preference is that families who require a payment plan set up a regular Direct Debit from Centrelink paid to the school (Centrepay). Parents can arrange this through Centrelink. Please see office administration for set-up details.
- The Camps, Sports and Excursion fund (CSEF) supports families who meet eligibility criteria set by the Victorian Government to ensure the student can participate in important, educational, and fun activities.
- The State Schools Relief Committee support, applications can be made via the Principal or Assistant Principal to assist with clothing/uniforms.
- No student will be treated differently, denied access, or refused instruction to the standard curriculum program for not making a payment or voluntary contributions.

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

Andrew Schaeche, Principal

Ph: 0354430799 | Email: Andrew.schaeche@education.vic.gov.au

Link to DET Parent Payment Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$145
Other Contributions	\$25
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$516 approx.

Payment Methods

White Hills Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

- Payment for Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions & Extra-Curricular Items and Activities can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card at the school office, over the phone or via the school's Qkr smartphone app.

Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis considering the individual circumstances. Generally, the school will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

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.