

27/10/2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Footscray North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of FNPS's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

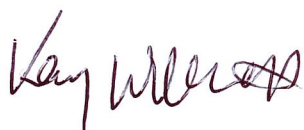
Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We are asking families to make a contribution of \$240 per student, this amount is subsidised by the school, true cost is \$369 per student. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising, volunteering your time or a financial contribution. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer:

- *Small class sizes*
- *Five well-resourced specialist class programs*
- *Extension programs; Maths Olympiad, State Schools Spectacular*
- *Lunchtime clubs/activities i.e. choir, lego, basketball, board games*
- *Enhanced Wellbeing and Engagement Supports*

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

Yours sincerely,




Kay Willmott
Principal

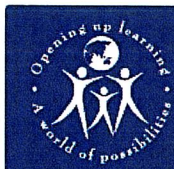


Monique Fitzgerald
School Council President

Footscray North Primary School

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
General classroom consumables (including Specialist subjects), materials & equipment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom materials and equipment – writing books, pens, pencils, textas, sharpeners, ruler, eraser, craft materials - \$55 Spelling, phonics, mentor text - \$28 Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper - \$8 Performing Art - \$8 Physical Education - \$8 Spanish - \$8 Technology - \$8 	\$ 123
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathletics - \$14 Online Reading Subscription - \$4 	\$ 18
ICT Devices – provision & upkeep of Chromebooks & iPad classroom sets	\$ 41
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 19
School Diary	\$ 12
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student and parent communication tools	\$ 12
Library maintenance & enhancement	\$ 15
Total Amount	\$ 240

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

FNPS offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Prep Book Satchels – initial bag provided free of charge for Prep, replacements can be purchased from the office.	\$ 10
Prep Library Bag – initial bag provided free of charge for Prep, replacements can be purchased from the office.	\$ 3
Water Safety Program <i>In prior years the cost has fluctuated, depending on DET funding, from \$10 - \$65 per student.</i>	\$ 65 TBC



Optional Camps as scheduled in 2026. The cost of these activities will be advised once known. <i>In prior years the cost of camps has been in the range of \$355-510 per student.</i>	
Optional excursions/incursions as scheduled in 2026. The cost of these activities will be advised once known. <i>In prior years the cost of these activities has been approximately \$70 per year.</i>	
Optional Year 5-6 Interschool Sports Program. The cost of this program will be advised once known. <i>In prior years the cost of this program has been approximately \$10 per trip.</i>	
Other higher level sport competitions – swimming, athletics, cross country.	
Optional Grade 6 Graduation Excursion <i>In prior years the cost of this program has been approximately \$65.</i>	
Optional Grade 6 Graduation Jumpers <i>Cost in prior years has been \$40</i>	Paid to FNPS Uniform Supplier
School photos – price dependant on package brought by family	Paid to photography company
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Total

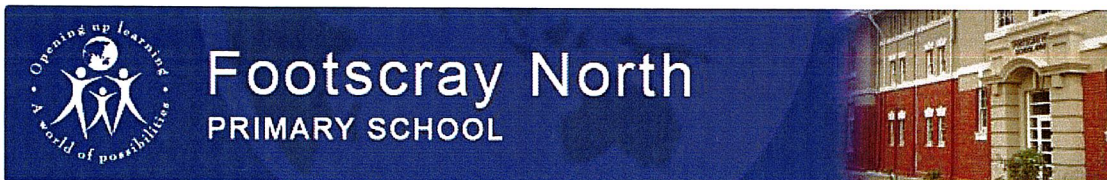
Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 213.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$ 27.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
Total	\$ 240.00

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Flexible payment arrangements
- Second-hand uniform sales
- State Schools Relief – branded uniform, clothing, glasses support

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



Pam Tatchell, Business Manager

Ph: 03 9317 9047 | Email: pam.tatchell@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Payments can be made via Sentral or EFT – for further information you can contact the office, either in person or via our school phone number 9317 9047.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and 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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

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 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.

