

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: 2026 – Prep – Year 2 Parent Payments

The voluntary contribution for the core curriculum items requested to be paid by families is \$190.00.

Narre Warren South P-12 College is proud to offer a range of exemplary curricular and co-curricular programs to students and would like to advise you of the College'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, while the Victorian Government supplies most of the school's funding, Narre Warren South P-12 College is dependent on locally raised funds, in the form of parent or carer contributions, to supplement the government funding. The voluntary contributions are essential for the operation of the school's curriculum programs, the provision of specialist staff and additional equipment and resources.

In the past, the locally raised funds supported some of the following initiatives:

- Additional Books in Primary Library
- Primary Playground
- Wellbeing Centre
- Music Programs
- Multi-Cultural Engagement teams
- Provide a wide range of programs and curriculum experiences
- Provide wellbeing programs and initiatives to support students.

This support has made significant difference to the school environment, student wellbeing and the extended learning programs we offer.

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

The Principal and the Business Manager are available if you wish to discuss any matters concerning payment. The NWSP-12 College School Council relies upon and thanks you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Lachlan Yeates
Principal

Erina Hamilton
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom materials and photocopying for all mandatory subjects Access to Mathletics platform (Home & School) Sports & Play equipment in classrooms and yard Classroom materials and equipment for Art, Drama and Technologies Swimming and water safety program Whole School Events Digital Technologies – provisions, software, device configuration, upkeep, server and support for all school devices	\$120
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>First Aid Resources – equipment and materials to meet student health and hygiene needs at school, on camps and excursions</i>	\$15
<i>Student Wellbeing Program and Support – services provided via our Wellbeing Centre to assist and support students in their educational journey</i>	\$20
<i>Student and parent communication portal - Compass</i>	\$15
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$20
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested amount \$50)	
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested amount \$50)	



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Narre Warren South P-12 College 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or accept an offer to participate in a program for your child, please ensure payment is made to the school by the nominated due date.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a User-Pay basis	Amount
Primary Reader Bag	\$14.00
Interschool Sports Program	\$25.00
Other future Extra-Curricular incursions and excursions to be scheduled with a fee attached, students invited attend on a user-pay basis (<i>CSEF funds can be used</i>)	TBA



Total – Prep to Year 2 students

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$120.00
Other Contributions	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i> \$ 70.00
	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i> \$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 39.00
Total	\$229.00

Payment arrangements and methods

Narre Warren South P-12 College contributions are outlined in Compass payment portal for each student, requesting they be finalized by the due dates. Payment methods include Compass Portal (via Contributions tab), over the phone via credit card, cash via Administration Building, BPAY and CentrePay.

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. Refunds will not be made for Student removal due to behavior.

Financial Support for Families

Narre Warren South P-12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options for Extra-Curricular activity payments, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
 - If you hold a means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF payments of \$400 in 2026
- Payment Plan - Narre Warren South P-12 College will work with families to develop acceptable payment plans
- State Schools Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like alternative payment arrangements, contact Narre Warren South P-12 College - Business Manager on 03 9704 333 | email accounts@nwsc.vic.edu.au



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.