

Dear parent/guardian,

Nyora Primary School is fully dedicated to providing every student with free instruction, in order to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum. We are committed to developing the whole child, both academically and socially to prepare them for learning now and into the future. In order to achieve our goals, we need parent financial support.

In order to provide students with essential items we need our parents' ongoing financial support in the payment of fees.

Within our school this ongoing financial support has gone towards Marc Van Library subsidy, (\$40 per student) enhanced digital learning opportunities and equipment, (Mathletics-\$15, Smart Spelling \$10, Essential Curriculum/Assessments- \$15) Textbooks, (Signpost Maths Textbook, and Signpost mental and English Skills practice- \$90), stationery, reading pockets, reading diaries and Specialist consumables, materials for art/science/musical equipment and special curriculum experiences.

The school has made the decision not to outsource the stationery and textbooks but to put in a bulk order, saving our parents considerable money. If we hadn't chosen this option, parents would have been required to make an upfront payment to source books and supplies.

Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families through ongoing payment of fees ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We continue to make our fees as low as possible.

We want to thank you and acknowledge your continued support of our school, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Karen Farbus*

Nyora Primary School Principal

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Nyora 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 and include Camps and excursions. We will be having one excursion per term. We will advise you in writing when these activities have been planned.

**Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund-(Centrelink pensioner concession, Health Care Card, Foster parent, Veterans Affair pensioner-Gold Card).

A form needs to be completed at the beginning of the school year.

**Please note that CSEF cannot be used to pay for curriculum contributions.**

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

Contact name: Karen Farbus

Ph: 03 56596240 / Email: [karen.farbus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:karen.farbus@education.vic.gov.au) or [nyora.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:nyora.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$250.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA
Total	\$250

Payment methods

**Optional Extras Excursions and Activities - Payment at time of activity**

PLEASE RETURN WITH PAYMENT

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To assist with payments; four payments are available:

- Option A Full amount
- Option B Payment at beginning of each term
- Option C Half yearly payment (beginning of Terms 1 & 3)
- Option D Other, payment arrangements

PAYMENT METHODS: CASH

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Please tag your name to the payment

BSB: 063000 Account: 14133490

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent name) agree to pay curriculum  
contributions for

My child/children

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\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Total \$250

# 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.