

*Dear parent/guardian,*

Walwa Primary School *is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Walwa Primary School voluntary financial contributions for 2024.*

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 want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

**Our priority is our students.** We will always endeavour to deliver a curriculum that is differentiated and taught to every child's point of need. The support of our families is paramount, and we wholeheartedly appreciate the support shown thus far whether it be through financial contributions, participating in our fundraising events or volunteering your time.

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

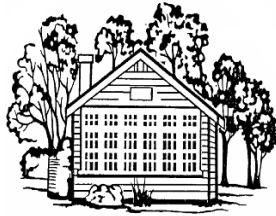
*Yours sincerely,*

*Chrissie McKimmie*

**PRINCIPAL**

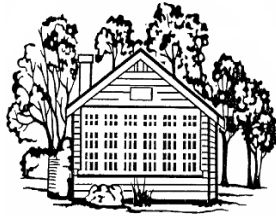
*Maryann Rosetta*

*Walwa School Council President*



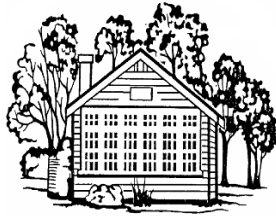
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Education Items – Below is a list of stationery items that are provided to all students. We invite parents to make a Curriculum Contribution to help cover the costs so that the school can continue to provide these for all students.</i></li> </ul>	\$50
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</i></li> <li>• <i>Science – chemicals</i></li> <li>• <i>Mathematics – numeracy blocks</i></li> <li>• <i>English – book boxes</i></li> <li>• <i>Sports – equipment</i></li> </ul>	\$30
<i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essential Assessment, my numeracy / my literacy (\$15)</i></li> </ul>	\$15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i></li> </ul>	\$15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></li> </ul>	\$5
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$115</b>

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$0
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$0
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$0
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use. From a school perspective, for consistency and equality, it is our preference that we purchase in bulk on behalf of families so that students have all the same books, pencils, diaries etc. However, the choice is yours. **If you would like the school to purchase these items on your behalf, please complete the form on page 5 and return to school.** This will ensure that items are ordered and available. (See page 5 for the school's bank details).

F-2		Year 3-6	
ITEM	QUANTIT Y	ITEM	QUANTIT Y
Student Diary	1	Student Diary	1
Exercise Book 10mm Dotted Thirds	4	Exercise Book 8mm Lined	10
Scrap Book 64 page	6	Scrap Book 64 page	4
Display Folder	1	Display Folder	1
Document Wallet	1	Document Wallet	1
Coloured Pencil Jumbo 12 pack	1	Coloured Pencil 12 pack	1
Coloured Texta 12 pack	1	Coloured Texta 12 pack	1
Twistable Crayons	1	Pencil Sharpener	1
Pencil Sharpener	1	Pen Box 12 pack	1
Triangular Grey Led Pencils 12 pack	1	Pencil Case	1
Student Scissors	1	Grey Led Pencils	1
Whiteboard Marker	6	Student Scissors	1
Erasers	1	Whiteboard Marker	6
Ruler	1	Erasers	1
Student Pencil Case	1	Ruler	1



Glue Sticks	3	Glue Sticks	3
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### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Walwa Primary School 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 activity for your child, please ensure payment is made to the school.*

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

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Cluster School Excursions – these excursions occur once a term and take place at a different cluster school each term. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cluster Events – entry and transport</li> </ul>	\$0
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Financial Support for Families

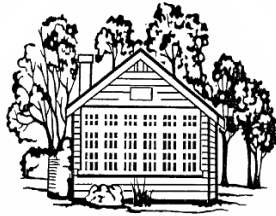
Walwa Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (if eligible)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Erin Albon

Ph: 02 6020 1143 | Email: [erin.albon@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:erin.albon@education.vic.gov.au)



**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ONCE PAYMENT IS COMPLETE**

**Students Name:**

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

**Payment methods**

Direct Deposit Details:

**Account Name:** Walwa Primary School

**BSB:** 063 093

**Account Number:** 10003456

**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.