



WELSHPOOL & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welshpool & District Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Welshpool & District Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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, either financial or volunteering of 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 organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, science and physical education equipment and resources. This in turn supports them to be exemplary programs, together with our exceptional classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths.

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

Yours sincerely,

Gabrielle Boyd
Principal

| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
|--|-----------------|
| <i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment:</i> | \$60 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 x workbook • 10 x pen • 5 x eraser • 5 x glue • 4 x grey lead pencil • 1 x sharpener • 1 x text book • 1 x pencil case • 1 x ruler • 1 x packet of textas • 1 x packet of highlighters • 1 x packet of pencils | |
| <i>Online English/Mathematics Program Subscriptions</i> | \$30 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-3 Maths Seeds / 4-6 Mathletics (\$15) • P-6 Reading Eggs (\$15) | |
| <i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i> | \$5 |
| <i>Provision of ICT devices for classroom use</i> | \$5 |
| <i>MARC Van</i> | \$10 |
| <i>CEP cultural experiences</i> | \$10 |
| Sub-Total Total Amount | \$120.00 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| <i>Sports Association Membership</i> | \$10 |
| <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i> | \$20 |
| Total Amount | \$150.00 |

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Welshpool & District 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.

No payment is required for these items or activities at this time – permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2023.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities |
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| <i>Optional Grade 6 T-shirts</i> |
| <i>Optional Whole school photos</i> |
| <i>Optional swimming program</i> |
| <i>Optional sports programs</i> |
| <i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i> |

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State School Relief.

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

Sandra Hoy

Ph: 03 5688 1460| Email: Sandra.hoy@education.vic.gov.au

Total

| Category | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$120.00 |
| Other Contributions | \$30.00 |
| Total Amount | \$150.00 |

Payment methods

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit.

Account details: BSB 633-000

Account Number: 156869083

Account Name: Welshpool and District Primary School

Please quote Parent Contribution 2023 (then family name) as a reference.

For example: *Parent Contribution 2023 Boyd*

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 Payment 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 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.