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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

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, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your 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 offer a wide offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities and many other experiences we would otherwise not be able to offer.

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- Payment plans including regular payment instalments
- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools' Relief
- Centrepay

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Business Manager, Pina Tarquinio on 9484 3949 or email: [wales.street.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wales.street.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

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

Yours sincerely,

**Robyn Owens**  
Principal

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School Council President

# Wales Street Primary School Parent Payment Contributions 2026

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All classroom stationery &amp; consumable materials eg. Primary Pete book bag (Foundation), scrapbooks, project books, exercise books, pens, pencils, textas, glue, printing and photocopying of learning resources for student use. Materials for Maths, English, Art, Performing Arts, PE, Italian, STEM.</li> <li>Online subscriptions including Mathletics, Decodable Readers, Seesaw, Storybox, Essential Assessment.</li> <li>Inquiry Unit software, purchase &amp; maintenance of hardware, digital learning devices, student and parent communication tools (Compass), support for our Specialist areas of Art, LOTE, Performing Arts, PE.</li> </ul>	\$360.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Employment of a qualified, fully registered nurse to provide first aid, staff & community health education, OH&S, liaising with different health bodies to provide current and up to date information on health. First aid equipment and supplies.	\$130.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements. This component is directed to the ongoing maintenance such as upkeep of gardens and grounds as well as small projects to improve the learning environment for students.	\$ 70.00
Tax deductible contributions	
<b>Building Fund.</b> A <u>tax-deductible</u> contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested amount \$150.00, larger donations are welcome.	\$
<b>Library Fund.</b> A <u>tax-deductible</u> contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested amount \$45.00, larger donations are welcome.	\$
<b>Total</b>	

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wales Street 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.

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<b>Excursions and Incursions</b> will be communicated to parents and carers during the year. You will be advised of the cost as they are planned. Payments to be made via the Compass Portal.	User pays
Optional School Camps for Year 4, Year 5, Year 6. Sports carnivals, year 5 & 6 sports programs, graduation ceremony, swimming etc. You will be advised of the cost as they are planned throughout the year. Payments to be made via the Compass Portal.	User pays

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## 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.

## Totals

Category	Suggested amount per student:	Or nominated amount per student:
Curriculum Contributions	\$360.00	
Other Contributions	\$200.00	
Tax deductible contribution: Building Fund	\$150.00	
Tax deductible contribution: Library Fund	\$ 45.00	
<b>Total payable to School</b>	<b>\$755.00</b>	


**Payment Methods:** Parents are able to make payment from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 via the Compass portal (a range of instalment options are available).

Payment in full can still be made via Eftpos at the school office however Compass is the preferred payment method.

A donation of 2 boxes of tissues per student would be greatly appreciated.


# 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:


<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	<b>Other Contributions</b> Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school’s functions and objectives.	<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b> 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.
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- 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.