

## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Newcomb Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to remind you of Newcomb Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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.

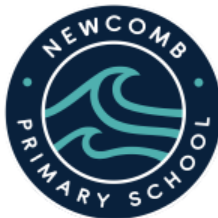
Within our school this support has allowed us to financially support learning programs and to maintain and develop our school's buildings and grounds. Without your curriculum and other voluntary contributions, we would not be able to provide the quality learning programs in a safe and stimulating environment that we take pride in.

### Curriculum Contributions

Newcomb Primary School is a **non-profit organisation**. The difference between funds provided by the Department of Education and Training through the Student Resource Package and those required for the school to operate at a high standard leaves a shortfall which our P&F and School Council raise through fundraising and through the voluntary financial contributions listed below:

**Please note payment is not due until 2025.**

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
Specialist class supplies, Art, STEM, PE	\$40
Student printing, assessments, worksheets etc.	\$20
Class materials, stationery, workbooks etc.	\$50
Student diary	\$10
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$120</b>



#### Payment Methods:

- Cash
- Eftpos
- Centrepay

#### School Saving Bonus

Families will be provided with the School Saving Bonus of \$400 per child provided by the Victorian Government to cover the costs of uniforms, camps and excursions. Payments for excursions, events and camps are not included in the voluntary financial contributions from families. Camp, event and excursion costs will be shared on compass throughout the year as they come up. Families will be able to use the School Saving Bonus to cover these costs and/or school uniform costs. Voluntary curriculum contributions can not be paid using the School Saving Bonus.

#### Financial Support

Newcomb 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 which is available for families who have a health care or pensioner card). The CSEF fund is \$125 per year per student.
- Payment plans (which can be arranged via the office)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Sharon Willis, Business Manager on 52484176 or email [newcomb.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:newcomb.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the attached one-pager or visit our school website. We greatly appreciate your voluntary contribution to enable us to deliver high quality educational programs and a supportive learning environment where all students can learn, grow and thrive.

Yours sincerely,

Blanche Denmead

Principal

Newcomb Primary School

# 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.