 Family Payment Arrangements 2024

 Grade Prep/1/2

Dear Parent/Carer

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

Nicholson Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all families.

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.

This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide and maintain the wide range of subjects, special curriculum experiences, specialist programs, digital learning opportunities which include purchasing of laptops and iPads. It also allows the school to improve and maintain the buildings and grounds.

Curriculum Contribution Items –

There are two options open to parents

1. Through the school as part of a bulk order which will save on costs. They will be assigned to the classes where the teacher will be responsible for distributing the materials to the students. This will enable the teacher to better manage the supplies and prevent loss of materials.
2. Parents purchase independently.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Sue Clague Martin Potts*

*Principal School Council President*

**FEE SCHEDULE**

Please find the itemised list of support items and activities that help deliver fundamental curriculum or subject learning for your child.

### Curriculum Contributions

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|  | Amount |
| My Useful Word Book |  |
| Staedtler LumoColour Whiteboard Markers Bullet Black  |  |
| Staedtler 1285 Jumbo Triangular 2B Learner pencils |  |
| Faber Castell Connector Pens Assorted Colours Pk 12 |  |
| Faber Castell Classic Colours Coloured Pencils Pk 12 |  |
| Faber Castell Eraser PVC Free Large with Sleeve |  |
| Maped Shaker Sharpener 2hole |  |
| Wooden Ruler 30cm CM/MM |  |
| Marbig Polypick Wallet Foolscap |  |
| Writer Premium A4 64p 18mm Dotted Thirds & Red Margin |  |
| Writer Premium Large 18mm Dotted Thirds & Red Margin |  |
| Best Buddies Mini Scrapbook 160 X 240mm 100gsm 64p |  |
| Best Buddies Scrapbook 335 X 245mm 100gsm 64p |  |
| EC Ergonomic Pencil Grip |  |
| Scissors |  |
| Home Reading Diary  |  |
| UHU Glue Stick 40g |  |
| Phonic Student Textbook |  |
| Handwriting Textbook |  |
| **CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS LISTED ABOVE**  | **$95.00** |
| **CONSUMABLES** |  |
| Consumables for Integrated Studies e.g., Cultural Studies, STEM | $25.00 |
| Consumables for Literacy and Numeracy e.g., cover paper, kinder squares, tape | $25.00 |
| Consumables for Art, e.g., clay, materials, paint, oil pastels, cardboard, etc | $42.00 |
| **SUBSCRIPTIONS** |  |
| Student Insurance (This is purchased as a whole school policy). | $10.00 |
| MARC Van | $22.00 |
| Digital Learning – Australian De-Codables | $21.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **$240.00** |

### Financial Support for Families

 Nicholson Primary Schoolunderstands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

* the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for those who meet the criteria (CSEF)
* we can offer instalments/payment plans

***If you are experiencing any financial difficulty with payment, or would like to confidentially discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact:***

***Sue Clague (Principal) Sally Markum ( Business Manager)***

**Ph: 03 *5156 8220*  Email: *nicholson.ps@education.vic.gov.au***

### Payment Methods

**Cash** - either in person or by placing money in an envelope delivered to the office.

**BPAY** – **Biller Code** 87361

 **Reference** BPAY reference here (contact office for your reference number)

**Centrepay** – for those families who receive a payment from Centrelink, a payment plan can be set up to have regular amounts debited from your payment and credited against your family statement. Payments can be for any amount and as often as families wish to pay.

For further information on the Department’s Parent Payment Policy please visit the following:

https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy

### Extra-Curricular items and Activities

Nicholson Primary Schooloffers 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 for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

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|  Items and Activities | Amount |
| *Camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2024. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.* | *To be advised* |
| Swimming | Estimate $150.00 |
| Junior Excursion | Estimate $40.00 |
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| *Other optional excursions to be scheduled* |  |
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**\*Additional programs are considered part of the curriculum, however, should you choose not to pay for them your child will not be able to participate.**

**Other Contributions**

Nicholson Primary School continues to welcome contributions towards supporting the school’s operation and function more generally e.g., Parent communication tools and school building enhancements

**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 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 other relevant information.

