



November 8th, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS: GRADE PREP 2024

Woodville Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2024 and would like to advise you of Woodville Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for GRADE PREP 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to deliver 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 your support, whether it's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer such as a wider offering of subjects, special curriculum experiences or enhanced digital learning opportunities.

Department of Education guidelines mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule attached for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

Woodville Primary School no longer provides the essential educational items for each student (ie: book packs). Parents/carers are asked to purchase the supplies for their own child for the 2024 school year. Further on in this letter is a list of the items we recommend be purchased for your child's personal use in the classroom along with the details of our regular supplier, WINC who have set up a "Parent Portal" where you can purchase the recommended items quite easily and at an extremely competitive price. *Order the complete book list on, or before Friday 8th December 2024 for free delivery to your front door.* Please be aware that if you only order a few items off the list you will have to pay delivery costs.

If you have unused stationery items at home from previous years and would like to donate them to the school, please feel free to drop them at the school office.

Woodville Primary School will continue to use subscriptions to online learning platforms to support the learning of all students (ie Literacy / Numeracy programs). Families are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards these programs (please see overpage for full details).

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sharni Wallace
Principal

Mrs Emma Prespanoski
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year PREP classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headphones, Reader Cover and Communication Bag for personal use Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper Shared Classroom Supplies – Maths, English, Take Home Reading, Library Books 	\$40
<i>Year PREP Online Subscriptions for use at Home and School</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths (\$14.50) Reading Eggs (\$14.50) 	\$29
<i>Year PREP iPads – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10
<i>Year PREP Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials – student use</i>	\$20
<i>Year PREP Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Cultural day – onsite Incursion (\$5) Education Week (\$2.50) Book Week (\$2.50) Literacy Week (\$2.50) Numeracy Week (\$2.50) 	\$15
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership</i>	\$2
<i>Student wellbeing programs – Birthday Buddies, Kid of the Term/Year, Woodville Kids are Friendly Kids, Healthy Living Programs.</i>	\$10
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$4
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$20
Total Amount	\$150

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use. You may choose to use the online Parent Portal from [WINC -https://www.wincschools.com.au/](https://www.wincschools.com.au/) and be assured you will have the correct items and quantities delivered to your home ready for the start of the new school year. Alternatively, you may choose to purchase these items elsewhere (eg: Kmart, BigW, Officeworks etc)

Recommended items	Qty
Glue Stick 40g	5
Crayola Chalkboard/Whiteboard Duster	1
Crayola Twistable Crayons Pack 12	2
Faber-Castell Junior Triangular Graphite Lead 2B Pencil Each	5
Faber-Castell Triangular Junior Coloured Pencils Pack 10	2
Megaspace Scrapbook 335x245mm 100gsm Plain 64 Pages	9
Handy Pouch Plastic Pencil Case Mesh Zip 340x135mm Clear	1
Kluwell Publications Kluwell My Home Reading Yellow Level Junior 9th Ed Andrew Coldwell et al	1
Officemax Assorted Colours Drysafe Whiteboard Markers Bullet Tip Pack Of 4	3
Celco Kindy Scissors 135mm	1

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Woodville 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.

You will be notified of these activities/events as they are planned throughout the year and you may choose whether or not you would like your child to attend at the time.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for eligible families holding Centrelink Healthcare or Pension Card
- Fortnightly Centrelink deductions paid directly to the school via CentrePay

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Mrs Jodi Binion (Assistant Principal) Ph; 03 9749 2770 or email: woodville.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$114
Other Contributions	\$36

Payment methods

Woodville Primary School invites you to make payment in person at the School Office by Cash or Credit Card. You are also welcome to pay via Credit Card over the telephone. BPay is not an option at this time. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding payment methods.

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.

Voluntary Financial Contribution Payment Advice:

Please return this page to the office along with your payment details

(Please note you only need to complete this form once for your family)

Your details	
FAMILY NAME:	
Student Name:	Year Level:
Student Name:	Year Level:
Student Name:	Year Level:
Student Name:	Year Level:
Student Name:	Year Level:
Student Name:	Year Level:

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$

Office Use Only:	
Amount Paid: \$ _____	Cash / EFT / Other