



Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

Lyndhurst Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Lyndhurst Primary School voluntary financial contributions for Years Prep-6 2024. Victorian government schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum.

Lyndhurst Primary School has an outstanding reputation as one of the best primary schools in Casey. This is due to the dedication and professionalism of our staff, the cohesion of our parents, carers and community, and the provision of an enviable educational offering above and beyond that of many other schools.

The only reason Lyndhurst Primary School can offer these additional programs and resources, which are so beneficial to students, is because of the annual contributions made by you, our families. Whilst government funding barely covers the fulfilment of the standard Victorian curriculum, it is your contributions that enable the provision and continuation of the many programs and offerings that make Lyndhurst Primary School a stand-out experience for students. Your support ensures the continuation of important and innovative programs such as:

- world class digital and classroom resources and fully serviced technical support.
- extensive play-based learning resources
- outstanding digital resources such as 3D printers and video and audio production facilities
- a trained Level 3 advanced first aid carer for your children
- online learning support programs
- our Maker Space creative technology program
- the comprehensive Kitchen Garden and Forest School programs
- a dedicated student well-being team
- additional resources and equipment to enhance our specialist programs.
- a well-being network through our relationship with The Resilience Project
- the Human Powered Vehicles program
- comprehensive music instrumental and Musical Futures programs
- outstanding buildings, grounds, and facilities

Quite simply, without your contributions, these, and other initiatives, are not possible.

School Council has approved the Parent Payment arrangements for 2024 that we have attached. Our preferred payment method is through Compass.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support to make Lyndhurst Primary School an enriching place where children can enjoy an exceptional primary education experience.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Nicky Walker
Acting Principal*

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School Council President*

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<p>Classroom Consumables, Materials & Equipment – these contributions directly support several important curriculum areas and programs that we offer including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art consumables & resources paint, crayons, canvas, clay, coloured paper • Music Program resources and equipment • Science program resources • LOTE program resources • Replacement of sporting equipment • Investigation consumables & resources • Mathematics resources • English resources (guided reading books & take-home readers etc) • Classroom Supplies • Kitchen Garden – Growing Patch • Forest School • Intervention and Support program resources 	\$70.00
<p>Online Subscriptions and Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience Project • Purchase of Educational Apps • Essential Assessment 2024 • Seesaw Licence • Reading Eggs 	\$ 110.00
Digital Technology – The provision of equipment, technical support services and the software that underpins all subject areas varies for each year level.	\$ 30.00
Printing and Photocopying - of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10.00
Total Amount – Curriculum Contributions	\$ 220.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$ 2.00
Student & Parent Communication tools – Compass to support Report Writing (inc the tracking of student academic and well-being data) and School Stream	\$20.00
First aid equipment & Wellbeing – Lyndhurst Primary School goes above and beyond many other schools through the employment of an Advanced First Aid staff member. Having an Advanced first aid staff member your children can access highly trained First Aid care. This is not only highly beneficial should your child need assistance, but – based on feedback from our parent community – also provides a great deal of peace of mind for parents.	\$ 13.00
Total Amount – Other Contributions	\$ 35.00

Tax deductible contributions	
Library Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$ 20.00
Total Amount	\$ 20.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Lyndhurst 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 to deliver the standard curriculum.

These are provided on a user-pays basis and will be invoiced throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Excursions, Incursions and school performances	To be advised
Sporting Activities	To be advised
Camps Years 3-6	To be advised
Swimming	To be advised

Total payment by Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 220.00
Other Contributions	\$ 35.00
Tax Deductible Contributions	\$ 20.00
Total amount of contribution requested	\$275.00

Payment Method –

Our preferred payment method is using Compass App, otherwise, you can pay at the office with EFT.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Flexible contribution options
- Payment plans are available for extra-curricular items and activities.
- CSEF, Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (eligibility requirements)
- State School Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact our office staff on 8768 6700 or email Lyndhurst.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Refunds – Lyndhurst Primary School responds to refunds on a case-by-case basis. Where refunds are deemed reasonable, and if the school has not incurred a cost on behalf of your child, refunds are made on a pro-rata basis. If the school has incurred a cost, the school will act reasonably and take into consideration the Financial Help for Families Policy and relevant arrangements, including support for families experiencing hardship. Refunds will not be given for donations made to the Library and Computer Fund.