Nearnung
Primary School

Parent Contributions Arrangements

October 2026

Nearnung Primary School is looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Nearnung Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2027.
Please find the contribution schedule for Nearnung Primary School outlined below including all necessary items for 2027.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Nearnung Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: ***Business Manager:*** Deb Bruce Ph: 8764 3950 | Email: *nearnung.ps@education.vic.gov.au*

For further information refer to Nearnung Primary School's Hardship Policy on our website.

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number Nearnung Primary School: *8764 3950.*
An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see
How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

Nearnung Primary School Council will annually review parent payments requested to ensure they are in line with Department of Education & Training guidelines. Charges will be itemized, costed, and categorized as Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions, Extra-Curricular Items and Activities or Voluntary Financial Contributions.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached or department's PAL policy

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Moore
Principal

Wania Khan
School Council President

Financial Support for Families

****EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**** Payments made before Friday 18th December – Pay only $200 per student

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

- Discounted Parent Contributions Arrangements for multiple children.
- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to eligible Parents
- State Schools Relief support available for uniforms / footwear (contact office for further details)
- Flexible payment arrangements
- Local community supports

Child No	Cost per student
1	$250.00
2	$235.00
3	$220.00
4	$210.00
5 or more	$195.00

Full Payments are being accepted via Compass – Course Confirmation
If you would like to make a 'part payment' you may pay with EFTPOS at the office

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- **PAYMENT METHODS**
  - *Preferred method of payment is via Compass Portal*
  - *EFTPOS payment can be made at the office, if you would like to make part payments.*

Refunds

Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis and if approved will be credited to the family account/statement for future use. Nearnung Primary School has the discretion to provide refunds to families and may do so where it is reasonable and fair (for example, if the school has not incurred a cost).

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one-page overview attached. The full Parent Payments Policy is available from the Department of Education.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS	Suggested Amount	Amount paying
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	$250.00	
If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions. *We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.*		

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Nearnung 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Details will be provided in 2027 once activity has been planned	$ TBA

Signed by School Council President	At School Council Meeting on	Scheduled for review:
Wania Khan	8th September 2026	October 2027

Parent Contributions policy

Information for families

We are a Child Safe School

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FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.

FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided from home, schools will provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.