

## 2026 PARENT PAYMENTS



Dear Parent/Carer

Athol Road Primary School Council and staff are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 contributions as these impact significantly on the programs we can offer on an annual basis.

Your ongoing support allows us to offer a wide range of special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; purchase of resources/equipment to enhance the learning experience and provide a superior learning environment that maximises your child's learning potential.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached and <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely,

*Carmela Nigro*  
Principal

*Peter Littlejohn*  
SC President

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Learning Space Consumables, Materials &amp; Equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Exercise Books</i></li> <li>● <i>Scrapbooks</i></li> <li>● <i>Graphite and Coloured Pencils</i></li> <li>● <i>Textas and Markers</i></li> <li>● <i>Home Reading Workbooks</i></li> <li>● <i>Craft and Creativity Paper</i></li> <li>● <i>Whiteboard Markers – student use</i></li> <li>● <i>Adhesives: tapes, glues, blutack</i></li> <li>● <i>Small Equipment: scissors, staplers, rulers</i></li> </ul>	\$56.50
<b>Literacy and Numeracy Resources</b>	\$20.00
<b>Shared Specialist Education Consumables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Modelling Clay</i></li> <li>● <i>Adhesives: tapes, glues, blutack</i></li> <li>● <i>Markers and Textas</i></li> <li>● <i>Graphite and Coloured Pencils</i></li> <li>● <i>Craft and Creativity Paper</i></li> <li>● <i>Paints and Pastels</i></li> <li>● <i>Scrapbooks</i></li> <li>● <i>Small Equipment: scissors, rulers, staplers</i></li> <li>● <i>Presentation Folders</i></li> <li>● <i>Small Craft Consumables: pompoms, pipe cleaners, popsticks</i></li> </ul>	\$75.00
<b>Online Subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Reading Eggs</i></li> <li>● <i>Seesaw</i></li> <li>● <i>MAV</i></li> <li>● <i>ClassVR EduVerse</i></li> <li>● <i>IXL</i></li> <li>● <i>Acer PAT Testing</i></li> <li>● <i>Essential Assessment</i></li> <li>● <i>Decodables</i></li> </ul>	\$53.50
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements</b>	\$40.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$245.00</b>

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Athol Road 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. Families will be notified of each individual excursion/incursion and its costs proximate to the event.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
2026 Excursions (to be scheduled)	\$TBA	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>TBA</b>

### Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (uniforms only)
- flexible payment options for extra-curricular items and activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Carmela Nigro

Ph: 03 9547 1224 | Email: [athol.road.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:athol.road.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total Contributions 2026

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$205.00
Other Contributions	\$40.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$245.00</b>

### Payment methods

- At the office: with Cash or EFTPOS
- Via Sentral Parent Payment Portal (no fees attached)

### 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.