



# Powlett River Primary School

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Dear parents,

Powlett River Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Powlett River Primary School's 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 support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school, including the programs and the learning environment we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Nicol  
Principal

Lauren Macri  
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General classroom stationary supplies to each student (list of supplies is available upon request)</li> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, coloured paper,</li> <li>• Science – equipment</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy equipment</li> <li>• English – decodable books, class sets short reads</li> <li>• Sports – equipment</li> <li>• ICT equipment</li> <li>• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</li> <li>• Swimming Program</li> <li>• Outdoor school program, OUTSIDE</li> </ul>	\$180
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Library Enhancement & Maintenance	\$20
Student wellbeing programs, eg. Lunchtime clubs, Respectful Relationships, first aid, breakfast club.	\$5
Compass	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$10
Total Other Contributions	\$40
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 220.00</b>

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Powlett River 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 well before the activity to allow for families to decide if they would like their child to attend. Examples of these are listed below.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Incursions and excursions	To be advised
Year 3-6 school camp	To be advised
Artist in Residence	To be advised
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Individual Payment Plans
- School Saving Bonus

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

Wendy Nicol

Ph: 03 5678 7240 | Email: Wendy.Nicol@education.vic.gov.au

**Total**

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$180
Other Contributions	\$40
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	To be advised

**Payment methods**

Direct Deposit into School Bank Account:

San Remo Community (Bendigo) Bank

**BSB: 633 000 Acc: 15077 8561**

School Bonus – please allocate via the School Saving Bonus portal using your code.

Cash

**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.

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# 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.

# 2026 Parent Payment Arrangements

(Please complete and return to the office)

Parent name/s and contact number
Student name/s

I would like to make the following contribution to Powlett River Primary School	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Total	\$

## Payment type – please circle

I would like to set up regular payments via Bank Deposit or Centrepay – please contact me.

I would like to pay by cash. Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will allocate funds from the School Saving Bonus \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to pay via Bank Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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BSB 633 000 Account 15077 8561

(family name and “contribution” as the reference please eg *Smith Contribution*)