



Dear parent/guardian,

Norris Bank Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Norris Bank'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 and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to

Maintain our gardens & buildings

Purchase new books for the library & the classroom

Upgrade our digital devices

Work towards replacing the school bell and communication systems

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached or follow this link

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely,

Sandra James

Sandra James – Principal

Andrew Copley

Andrew Copley – School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Book Packs</i> The pack includes writing books, pencils and or pens, textas, glue sticks, scissors, copy paper, tissues and a wellbeing journal. The school purchases these items in bulk, which allows all students to have the same items recommended by their classroom teachers and makes a considerable saving this way.	\$50
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> - General classroom materials & equipment (\$50) see explanation below ** - Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$10) - Science/Integrated Studies (\$10) - Mathematics – numeracy blocks etc (\$5) - English – book boxes (\$10) - Sports – equipment (\$5) - Japanese (\$10)	\$100
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> - Essential Assessment (\$15) - Reading Eggs (\$15)	\$30
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i> <i>(Student laptop agreements)</i>	\$30
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership</i>	\$10
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$5
<i>First aid equipment & Sanitiser</i>	\$5
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$20
Total Amount	\$250.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Norris Bank Primary 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. Eg. special events, camps and excursions

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.