



Dear Parents and Carers

LPPS is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2026. As part of our preparations, we would like to provide you with information regarding the school's voluntary financial contributions for the year ahead.

In line with the Department of Education's policy, schools provide free instruction to deliver the standard Victorian Curriculum. We want to take this opportunity to reassure all families that financial contributions are strictly voluntary. Extra-curricular items and activities are provided on a user-pays basis.

While contributions are not compulsory, the ongoing generosity of our community has played a vital role in enhancing the educational experiences we are able to provide. The support of families has enabled LPPS to extend well beyond the delivery of the standard curriculum. These contributions strengthen our academic programs, broaden the range of engaging opportunities available, and ensure that every student can access the resources and supports they need to thrive.

Over the years, the impact of this support has been clearly reflected in our school's growth and achievements. From additional learning programs and wellbeing initiatives to improved digital technologies, library collections, and extracurricular opportunities, family contributions have made a meaningful difference. They have enabled us to create a learning environment that nurtures excellence, innovation, and care for every student.

In addition to explicit lessons in Literacy, Numeracy, and Inquiry, students benefit from a broad and dynamic Specialist Program alongside a wide range of enriching experiences. These include THRIVE sessions, Swimming, Physical Education and Sport, Music, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, STEM, and Auslan. Contributions also support targeted intervention programs, ensuring that students who require extension or additional support are provided with opportunities to achieve their full potential.

We are also very fortunate to have recently redeveloped our playground spaces, ensuring all students have access to safe, engaging, and age-appropriate play areas. Complementing these are our well-maintained facilities, including a synthetic oval, basketball and hockey courts, and an indoor swimming pool.

As a school, we are extremely proud of our facilities. They provide stimulating and supportive learning environments not only for our students and staff, but also for the wider Langwarrin community. Our gymnasium, music rooms, performing arts studios, art rooms, and library are all examples of spaces that contribute to a vibrant and well-rounded education for our students while also serving as valued resources for community use.

We are deeply grateful for the continued commitment of our school community. LPPS is an inclusive school where every child is supported and provided for. Your contributions strengthen LPPS and help us deliver the very best possible outcomes for our students.

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

Yours sincerely

Deb Haddow
Principal

Hailey Ruhland-Phelps
School Council President



FOUNDATION

Foundation Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<u>These contributions directly support important curriculum areas and programs that we offer including:</u> *Critical Literacy Resources (Guided reading books, take home readers, dictionaries etc) *Little Learners Love Literacy Chart *Class sets for vital numeracy manipulatives (MAB, playing cards, counters, protractors) *Purchasing of inquiry and science resources *Take home projects *maintenance and replacement of sport equipment *maintenance and replacement of musical instruments *LOTE program resources *STEM program resources *Printing and photocopying of worksheets & learning materials	\$101.50
Digital and online learning subscriptions (Little Learners Love Literacy Online), assessments (PAT Maths/Reading), Compass and Mathletics.	\$32.00
Provision and upkeep of school devices, digital technology resources and infrastructure	\$12.00
Total	\$145.50

Foundation Extra-Curricular Items - Currently these are provided on a user-pays basis using COMPASS	Amount
LPPS Reader Bag—essential for nightly reading	\$15.90
Reader Tub—to store child's literacy requirements	\$ 8.10
Whiteboard for Literacy & Maths work	\$ 5.95
THRIVE Home Reading Journal	\$15.50
Total	\$45.45



Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities (Donations) <i>To further support the school's growth and development, donations are appreciated in the following areas.</i>		Amount or Nominated Amount	Please tick for your other contribution items
Sports and Outdoor Education <i>Suggested amount \$25 or your nominated amount. Thank you.</i>			
The Arts <i>Suggested amount \$25 or your nominated amount. Thank you.</i>			
Family Support for families in need towards school books, camps, excursions <i>Suggested amount \$25 or your nominated amount. Thank you.</i>			
Grounds Facilities and Maintenance <i>Suggested amount \$25 or your nominated amount. Thank you.</i>			
Total Amount		\$ 100	

Educational items for students to own - Booklist

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from *Campion* for your child to individually own and use.

www.campion.com.au using **3PKP** as your code

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Langwarrin Park Primary School offers a range of items and activities (camps, excursions and incursions, swimming and instrumental program), that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. Currently these are provided on a user-pays basis using COMPASS.

Financial Support for Families

Langwarrin Park 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)
- State School Relief
- Community Support Organisations: Savers Plus Brotherhood St Laurence
- School Saving Bonus Balance from 2025**, which can be used for school camps, excursion, incursion, school uniforms or textbooks. (Please note LPPS does NOT have any required textbooks)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: *Mrs Jo Smith- Assistant Principal (Welfare and Wellbeing)*

Ph: 03 9775 7533 | Email: langwarrin.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Payments can be made via COMPASS. If you need further assistance, please contact the front office on 9775 7533

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 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.