



YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Parent Payment Arrangements



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our office on 51 631 362 or email [yinnar.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:yinnar.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Yinnar Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Yinnar Primary's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 as this has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to enhance our digital learning opportunities, purchase class and home reading materials and maths resources as well as assist with upgrades to our grounds and additions to the playground.

Please find the optional items / activities for all grade levels attached. If you wish to make any voluntary contributions, the office will be open **Wednesday 24th January from 8am – 5.30pm.**

The Yinnar Primary School Council approves all voluntary contributions.

The government pays for teacher salaries, limited building maintenance, administration costs and some curriculum costs. The school endeavors to purchase good quality learning materials in bulk at a reasonable cost. Teachers have elected to make reasonable purchases in the student 'book box' for student use in the classroom.

### *Financial Support for Families*

Yinnar 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

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

Christine Hall - Phone: 03 5163 1362 or Email: [yinnar.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:yinnar.ps@education.vic.gov.au) (please mark as confidential)

### *Payment Methods*

Our preferred methods for families to pay their voluntary contribution payments are:

- EFTPOS or credit card (in person or by phone)

### *Refunds*

Any refunds are either held on account or transferred via direct debit to a bank account as per our Electronic Funds Management policy.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see overview attached or for the detailed policy go to [https://www.yinnarps.vic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/parent\\_payment\\_policy.pdf](https://www.yinnarps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/parent_payment_policy.pdf)

Yours sincerely,

Christine Hall  
Principal

Laura Gee  
Yinnar Primary School Council President



## Book Collection/Payment Day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (8am-5.30pm).

### Payment Schedule

Please find optional items and activities for your child. Yinnar Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2024.

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Yinnar 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 orders to deliver the curriculum. These are provided on user-pays basis.

You may like to pay for these items in advance, as each activity occurs or pay the item off over the course of the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Date 2024	Amount
Visiting Show	(TBC)	\$10.00
Excursions 1 x Major Excursion per year	(TBC)	\$40.00
Sports Events – district/zone/region/state	(TBC)	\$10.00
Grade 6 Commemorative Graduation Polo Shirt/Hoodie	Order 2023, Supplied January 2024 (TBC)	\$31-\$54
School Photos (paid directly to Photographer)	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	\$20.00 (min)
Yinnar & District Sports Day	March 2024 (TBC)	\$5.00
Grade 5/6 camp to Coonawarra Farm Resort	12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	\$500.00 (TBC)
Prep Picnic	November 2024 - TBC	\$10.00 (min)
Grade 1 & 2 Evening Adventure & Sleepover	November 2024 - TBC	\$20.00 (min)
Grade 3/4 camp to Woorabinda	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	\$360.00 (TBC)
Prep – Grade 3 Swimming	November 2024 - TBC	\$25.00 Approx.
Grade 6 Graduation	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	\$45.00 Approx.
End of Year Excursion	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	\$30.00 Approx.

### Voluntary Contributions

Yinnar Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our School's important priorities for 2024. Areas we are focusing on are listed below.

#### Voluntary Contribution

##### General Voluntary Contribution

This money will go towards the school's 2024 Annual Improvement Priorities of Student Learning and Student Wellbeing

These contributions directly support several important curriculum areas and programs that we offer including

- Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials for classroom learning
- We prioritise the wellbeing of each student, which involves collaborating with external experts as required. Your contribution assists the school in understanding of diverse student needs and most effective ways to support inclusive practices.
- The school's partnership with The Resilience Project which aims to foster and nurture resilience in our students.

and/or

### **Digital Subscriptions**

This money will go towards the school's 2024 digital subscriptions

- No More Marking \$4.18 per student
- Nessy \$6.28 per student
- Learning Through Doing \$6.28 per student
- IXL \$8.79 per student
- Essential Assessments & My Numeracy \$10.46 per student
- SEESAW \$16.74 per student
- Compass \$27.20 per student

### **Schools Library Fund**

*A tax -deductible donation to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.*

- Class sets of decodable readers for junior students
- Class sets of novels for senior students

**and/or**

### **School Grounds**

Potential initiatives to enhance the planned building upgrade including playground equipment, garden beds, outdoor learning space and seating options for the playground area.

*School Council has established Tax-Deductible Gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the school's Library.*

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

# 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.