

KATANDRA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Be Safe – Be Respectful – Be Strong – Be Your Best

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Katandra West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Katandra West Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/Carer voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. It enables us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is highly valued by our school community. The commitment from parents to contribute, benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning.

Within Katandra West Primary School this support allows us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Inquiry, Language (Italian) and PE;
- Offer wellbeing programs such as School-wide Positive Behaviour Support, Respectful Relationships and Smiling Mind;
- Maintain and develop the school grounds;
- Ensure the upkeep of our technology devices and equipment to enhance learning opportunities;
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills within the Reader's Workshop;
- Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: dice, counters, cards, measuring materials for teaching purposes;
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions (Reading Eggs, Essential Assessment, Lexile Pro), Smart Spelling;
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment and sporting activities;
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies.

This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Without your contributions, many of these things may not be possible. The contributions go specifically towards items and activities that help improve your child's educational experience at Katandra West Primary School.

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

Yours sincerely,

Marcia Waters
Principal

Tim van Popering
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Whole school classroom consumables, materials & equipment (may include but not limited to) • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, coloured paper (MACC) (\$15.00) • Library – supplies for library sessions. (MARC) (\$15.00) • School supplies – which covers all school supplies such as work books, pens, rulers, books, paper, headphones etc. (\$105.00) • Included in the School Supplies are the Online subscriptions – Reading Eggs (\$15.00), (Lexile Pro (online Lexile library) – (\$16.00), Essential Assessment (My Literacy, My Numeracy & My Spelling) – (\$17.00), Smart Spelling (\$5.00.)	\$135.00
Whole school events (may include but not limited to) • Swimming program – entry and transport (\$25.00) • Sports – Athletics, Cross Country, Sports Day, Netball, Cricket, Football, Tennis etc • Life Education Van • Bike Hike – Years 4, 5 & 6 • Bike Education – F to Yr. 3 • Yachting – Years 5 & 6 • Whole school excursions – e.g. AFL 9's, Echuca, Kyabram, Melbourne etc • Incursions – eg: visiting performers	\$125.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance – mowing – per family	\$ 50.00
Total Amount	\$310.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Katandra West 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. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase
Payment for Camps Program activities will be requested closer to the date of the Camp.		
<i>Optional Year 5 & 6 school camp (Estimated cost) – 15 Mile Creek</i>	\$300.00	
<i>Optional Year 3 & 4 Camp (Estimated cost) - Ballarat</i>	\$550.00	
<i>Optional Year Foundation / 1 & 2 Extended Day & Sleepover</i>	\$ 20.00	

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment Plan can be arranged.
- Fourth and subsequent children do not pay Parent Payment.

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

Gabrielle Crowe

Ph: 0358283350

Email: katandra.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$135.00
Other Contributions	\$125.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ Camps Program

Payment methods

Direct deposit using the following details:

BSB 063 527

Account 10145342

Commonwealth Bank

Cash or EFTPOS at the office.

Refunds

Any refunds due (eg, If child did not go on Camp after payment has been made) will be refunded.

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.