



5th November 2025

Dear Kurmile Primary School Families,

Kurmile Primary School is looking forward to an amazing year of teaching and learning in 2026 and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions that have been approved by our School Council.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for all our students. We want to thank you for all the support that is provided by our families, whether it is through fundraising or volunteering. This makes a huge difference to the learning opportunities we can provide for our students.

Your contributions help support the wide offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences that we can offer throughout the year such as enhanced STEM opportunities; wellbeing programs; libraries and sporting equipment. Please note that 100% of monies collected for curriculum and other contributions goes to the school and into resources for our students.

In 2026, your contributions will also purchase the educational items used by your child/ren throughout the year such as textbooks and stationery. There is no need for families to purchase extra materials. We are also offering several ways families can make contributions including a one-off payment, termly or semester payments.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please see overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Mitchell
Principal

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"> • Student Stationery – reading diaries, headphones, exercise books, white boards, pencils, rulers, scissors etc • Other classroom consumables, materials and equipment - including art and craft materials, coloured paper, card, paints, construction materials, STEM items, sporting equipment, books, cooking ingredients etc. 	\$120
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AccessIt / Scribbi 	\$10
ICT devices – provision of purchase and upkeep of devices for shared classroom sets	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$150

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation, Student wellbeing programs, First aid equipment, School grounds maintenance and improvements, Compass	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$50
Total Contributions	\$200

Payment Options: (via Compass)

All Contributions – Paid in full	\$200
4 X Term Payments	\$50 – 28/1/26 \$50 - 20/4/26 \$50 - 13/7/26 \$50 - 5/10/26
2 X Semester Payments	\$100 - 28/1/26 \$100 - 13/7/26

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis.

Kurmile Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

All 'Extra-Curricular Items and Activities' will be made available to families via Compass Events. CSEF can be used by eligible families.

- Excursions to be scheduled are estimated 1 per term @ \$20 each.
- Swimming and water safety program
- Camps TBC

Financial Support for Families

Kurmile 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) If you hold a current health care or pensioner benefit card, you may be eligible to apply for a payment from the Government to assist with the costs of camps and excursions.
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Rachel Bruhn

Ph: (03) 5929 8400 or Email: Kurmile.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- CREDIT / DEBIT CARD: EFTPOS available when you contact the office.
- Compass Payment
- BPAY: available. Contact the office for your BPay number.

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 Payments 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.