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2026 PARENT PAYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

18th November 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Lockwood Primary School is looking forward to another fantastic year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Lockwood Primary School'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 all for your support, whether that's through contributing towards the 2025 curriculum and other contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

This year we have achieved the following with the assistance of voluntary school contributions:

- Additional resources for our student chill out space
- refreshed the classroom reading libraries to improve interest and relevance of books available
- rebuild deck/landing on our music/STEM portable
- installed new softfall underneath play equipment near oval
- subsidised the cost to families to enable the Billy Cart STEM incursion.

These resources would not have been possible to purchase without the kind financial support from families who have in the past regularly contributed to our voluntary school payments.

Please find attached Lockwood Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2026 which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide. With next year's contributions we would like to continue to undertake projects to improve our facilities and equipment for our students.

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

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule on Compass for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

To ensure accurate budgeting for the school year, we would appreciate payment of your contribution by **Friday 20th February 2026**. Payments can be made via Compass or at the school office.

Included with this information are the details for student BOOK PACKS (stationary items) that Lockwood PS recommends you purchase online from Education Plus for your child to individually own and use. Every child will need their own stationary pack. To purchase this book pack, orders must be placed with Education Plus **by Monday 5th January 2026**, which will ensure timely delivery of student packs to school in January 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries regarding the attached documentation.

Yours sincerely,

Carmen Huszar
Principal

Madeleine McAlpine
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum - per student	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none">English – Home Reading, Decodable Books, Classroom Library, Big Books, Library booksMathematics – classroom numeracy resourcesThe Arts – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, music equipmentSTEM – materials for experiments, shared classroom materials & equipmentSports equipment for lunchtime & recess useWelbeing support materials and consumablesThe Resilience Project student reading log/planner/diaryPrinting and photocopying - shared worksheets and learning materials	\$100.00
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Essential Assessment – Literacy, Spelling & Numeracy SubscriptionSunshine Digital LibraryCengage eBooks collection	\$30.00
Digital Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provision of devices and storage (including maintenance, updated software, installation of department security settings, service and repair)	\$40.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$170.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Affiliations/memberships <ul style="list-style-type: none">School Sports VictoriaLoddon Campaspe Schools Sports AssociationBendigo PE Committee	\$10.00
First aid equipment	\$10.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$40.00
Total Other Contributions	\$60.00

Educational Items For Students To Own (Book Packs)

Lockwood Primary School has arranged stationery packs for each year level that is recommended families can purchase directly from Education Plus. Details of Book pack items and how to order and pay are on the attached flyer. For your convenience delivery will be made direct to the school ready for you to collect at the beginning of Term 1 2025 (**order must be placed by Monday 5th January 2026 for delivery to school**).

If you choose to purchase your own stationery items through an individual supplier, please ensure that exercise books purchased have the exact measurements/linings as shown on the book list.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – PROVIDED ON A USER-PAYS BASIS

Lockwood 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	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Camps / Sleepovers• Swimming (The cost will be subsidised to make it cost effective, including buses to travel to the swim centre)• Interschool sports program & Additional Sporting Competitions• Gymnastics Program• Whole School Athletics Day• Excursion/Incursions to be scheduled per year level• Incursions to be scheduled per year level• Graduation	\$ TBA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School reader/library bags and school pencil case are recommended for new students. These are available for purchase directly from the office if required.	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA

Total Contributions:

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 170.00
Other Contributions	\$ 60.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
Total Parent Payment Contribution (per student) for 2026	\$ 230.00

Payment methods

Preferred method of payment is online via **Compass**. Alternatively, payment can be made via direct credit to the school bank account, or via cash or EFT (debit/credit card) at the school office in 2026. Please ensure when paying via direct credit your child's name is included in the description, to enable us to identify the student the payment relates to and what the payment is for. If you wish to pay by direct credit to the school bank account, details are below: **Account Name: Lockwood Primary School**

BSB Number: 062 000 Account Number: 2016 1238

(NOTE: PAYMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED UNTIL JANUARY 2026)

Financial Support for Families

Lockwood 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 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: Carmen Huszar Ph: 03 5435 3224 | Email: carmen.huszar@education.vic.gov.au

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 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) – school Book Packs



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.