



December 2025

Dear families,

Wimba Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 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 continued support of our families helps us provide the highest quality education and resources for our students. We sincerely thank you for your contributions, whether financial, through fundraising, or by volunteering your time..

Your support makes a meaningful difference to the programs and opportunities we can offer. In 2026, family contributions will help us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science & Technologies, Visual & Performing Arts and Health & Physical Education;
- Ensure the upkeep of our eLearning to enhance learning opportunities;
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills;
- Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for enhanced teaching purposes;
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions;
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment and develop the school grounds;
- Offer effective First Aid for all students.

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

If you have any questions or require additional support please contact our Business Manager, by emailing wimba.ps@education.vic.gov.au or phoning 03 8000 6080 from late January 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom Consumables, Materials & Equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exercise books ● Visual Art Supplies ● Library Books ● Mathematics Equipment ● Performing Arts Supplies ● Technology Equipment ● Stationery ● English Items ● Sports Equipment ● STEM Resources ● Music Equipment ● LOTE Resources 	\$150.00
<i>Technology Resources</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Online Subscriptions ● Printing, photocopying, learning resources 	\$50.00
Total Amount	\$200.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School memberships and affiliations</i>	\$50.00
<i>Student Wellbeing Programs</i>	
<i>Online Subscriptions</i>	
<i>First Aid Consumables</i>	
Total Amount	\$50.00

2026 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wimba Primary School offers a range of activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Further information will be provided throughout the year about each of these events on Compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Excursions/Incursions to be scheduled</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA



Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Instalment payments
- State Schools' Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact our front office.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis in line with Wimba's Parent Refund Policy. 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.