



Dear Parents and Carers,

Nepean School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Nepean School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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, this makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider range of specialist programs, enhanced digital learning opportunities and the upgrade of our secondary courtyard.

Nepean School is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the Income Tax law with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" (attached), but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Claire Toohey
Acting Principal

Rebecca Eakins
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions – tax deductible contributions for 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"> • Art – paint, crayons, glue, glitter, coloured paper etc. (\$10) • General class supplies – exercise books, scrapbooks, pencils, display books etc. (\$10) • Cooking – food ingredients such as flour, butter, fruit, yogurt etc. (\$10) • Sports – equipment (\$10) • Sensory program items (\$10) 	\$50
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics (\$15) • Reading Eggs(\$10) • Clicker8 (\$10) • Mathseeds (\$10) • Sunshine Online (\$5) • Seesaw (\$5) • HelpKidzLearn/Choose It Maker(\$5) 	\$60
Communication tools - communication books, assistive technology devices, displays ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$100
Printing, photocopying and laminating of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Other Contributions – tax deductible contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid and hygiene equipment eg gloves, wipes, sanitiser, PPE	\$10
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
Donation: Towards a new piece of inclusive playground equipment	\$
Total tax-deductible contribution amount (Curriculum Contributions + Other Contributions)	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Nepean 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.



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief for uniform

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

Melinda Williams, Business Manager

Ph: 03 9786 9111 | Email: melinda.williams3@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Total tax-deductible contribution amount (Curriculum Contributions + Other Contributions)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
TOTAL	\$

Payment methods

- Cash
- Direct deposit:
Nepean School Official Account
BSB: 063133
ACC: 10180913
Use students name as the reference
- EFTPOS (In person at the school office only)
- For payment plan please contact Business Manager via the contact details above



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 can be found on the Department of Education website.

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.