



"Learning For Life"

Nathalia Primary School School Fees 2021

Nathalia Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

The School Council makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. A charge is set per student for the school year, 2021 School fees are detailed below:

	Grade	P/1/2/3/4	5/6
<i>Essential Student Learning Items</i>			
Student Stationery		80.00	80.00
E-Learning Platforms		20.00	20.00
Classroom Activities (Art/Science)		10.00	10.00
<i>Excursion Package</i>			
Visiting Performance x 3 (\$8.00)		24.00	24.00
Winter Sport x 4 (\$7.00)			28.00
Interschool Athletics Sport		7.00	7.00
Swimming Program		20.00	20.00
Total School Fee Per Student for 2021		161.00	189.00

In 2019, a discounted fee system was implemented to help families reduce the cost of their children's education. The discounts will continue in 2021 to families with multiple children attending the school:

- Families with **one child** will be charged the full fee
- Families with **two children** will be charged 75% of the total fee
- Families with **three or more children** will be charged 50% of the total fee payable

Nathalia Primary School understands that some families may experience difficulty in paying the fees, please contact the Principal or the Business Manager to discuss further.

The above fees do not include the cost of the Grade 4/5/6 School Camp. Invoices are sent out separately for this activity. As a guide the fees payable for the Grade 4/5/6 Camp were \$350 in 2019.

Fees can be paid in person at the office or online. Payment options are as follows:

1. One yearly payment per student – payable by 15th March 2021
2. Monthly/Fortnightly payments – please contact the office to arrange this payment option

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund – (CSEF)

If you receive CSEF funding (you will need to apply for this in Term 1) your child's Excursion Package will be paid for using the CSEF funds received by the school. The CSEF amount for 2021 is \$125 per eligible student. Any CSEF funds remaining after the Excursion Package has been deducted from your CSEF grant will be available for you to use for camp payments.

CSEF funding is available to those families who hold a Commonwealth Health Care Card at the beginning of Term 1 2021 (28th January 2021). CSEF application forms for 2021 will be sent home with students at the commencement of the 2021 school year.

Thank you

Leanne Halden
Business Manager

Understanding Parent Payment Categories

Schools

What does the legislation say?

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for free instruction in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

In the Act, a 'Parent' includes a guardian and every person who has parental responsibility for a child including parental responsibility under the Commonwealth Family Law Act 1975 and any person with whom a child normally or regularly resides.

What do schools pay for as part of 'free instruction'?



Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program, including reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.

The standard curriculum for Years F-10 means implementation of the Victorian Curriculum F-10.

The standard curriculum for senior secondary schools means a program that enables a student to be awarded a VCE or VCAL qualification.

What principles govern parent payment practice?

Educational Value | Access, Equity & Inclusion | Affordability
Engagement & Support | Respect & Confidentiality | Transparency & Accountability

Parents

What may parents be asked to pay for?

Schools can request payment for Essential Student Learning Items



These are items, activities or services that the school deems **essential** to student learning of the standard curriculum.

Where practical and appropriate, parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide their own.

These may also be either:

Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of

- e.g.
- textbooks, activity books, exercise books
 - stationery, book bags
 - student ID cards, locks
 - cooking ingredients students will consume
 - materials for final products that students take home (technology projects, build-your-own kits, dioramas)
 - Picture Exchange Communication Systems

Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend

i.e. travel, entry fees or accommodation

- e.g.
- excursions
 - incursions
 - school sports
 - work placements

Parents can be asked to pay for items, activities and services in the three Parent Payment Categories:

Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Schools determine how items, activities and services are classified within these categories based on the learning and teaching program of their school.

Schools can request payment for Optional Items

These are items, activities or services that are **optional** and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.

Students may access these on a user-pays basis.

These may be either:

Items the student purchases or hires

- e.g.
- school magazines, class photos
 - functions, formals, graduation dinners
 - materials for extra curricular programs
 - student accident insurance

Activities the student purchases

- e.g.
- fees for extra curricular programs or activities, such as instrumental music tuition
 - fees for guest speakers
 - camps, excursions, incursions, sports
 - entry fees for school run performances

Items and/or materials that are more expensive than required to meet the standard curriculum

- e.g.
- use of silver in metal work instead of copper
 - supplementary exam revision guides

Support for families experiencing hardship is available at every school and each school has a parent payment contact person. See your school's policy for more information.

For more information on Parent Payments and Personal Devices, visit the DET website at: www.education.vic.gov.au

Schools can invite **Voluntary Financial Contributions** for



- e.g.
- Building or Library fund (Tax deductible)
 - Voluntary contributions for a specific purpose, such as equipment, materials, services.
 - General voluntary contributions

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2021 School Fee Payment Slip



Family Name

	Amount
Child 1 - Name
Child 2 - Name
Child 3 - Name
Child 4 - Name
Sub Total	\$ _____
Family with 2 Students multiply Sub Total by 75%	
Family with 3 + Students multiply Sub Total by 50%
TOTAL FEE PAYABLE	\$ _____

Payment has been made by:

Cash Credit Card
 Direct Deposit Date of deposit

Direct Deposit to: BSB: 633 000 Account No: 110101565
 Description "your name" and tag 'fees'.

EFTPOS payments can be made in person at the office.

Credit Card Payments:

Mastercard Visa Card

Charge to:

Cardholder's Name: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Amount: _____

Signature: _____

** Should families wish to pay via Credit Card with details noted above the office will telephone them to obtain further information to complete processing.