



"Learning For Life"

Nathalia Primary School Parent Payment Arrangements 2025

Nathalia Primary School is looking forward to another wonderful year of teaching and learning in 2025 and would like to notify you of the school's voluntary financial contribution arrangements for the year to come.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all financial contributions made are used only to benefit the students. The ongoing support from our families ensures that Nathalia Primary School can offer the best possible education programs and assistance for all of our students.

We want to thank families for their support, either through payment of financial contributions or the volunteering of time. Your continued support of the school has made a huge difference to our classrooms and the specialist programs we can offer all students here at Nathalia Primary.

Our school has been able to provide programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist with the purchase of Art, Music, STEM and Physical Education equipment and resources which supports these classes to be exemplary programs, together with our exceptional classroom teaching of subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths.

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, 2025 School contributions are detailed below:

	Grade P/1/2/3/4	5/6
Curriculum/Classroom Consumables		
<i>Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</i>		
Student Classroom Stationery & Equipment	100.00	120.00
Online Learning Platforms & ICT Devices	40.00	40.00
Classroom Activities (Art, PE & STEM)	20.00	20.00
Total Curriculum/Classroom Consumables	160.00	180.00

Extra-Curricular Items, Excursions & Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students

These items will be invoiced separately according to the activities being offered.

In the past, students have had the opportunity to participate in:

- Visiting Performances (approximately \$8 per performance)
- Winter Sport (Grades 4-6) (\$30 for whole program)
- Lightning Premiership Sports Carnival (\$15)
- Inter-School Athletics Sports (\$6)
- Melbourne Aquarium (\$30 per student)

School Camp

Estimated Fee for 2025

***families will be invoiced separately for the School Camp when arrangements have been finalised.*

350.00

Fees can be paid online from 1 January 2025, or, in person during school hours. Payment options are as follows:

1. One yearly payment per student
2. Monthly/Fortnightly/Weekly payments – please contact the office to arrange this payment option

Accepted payment methods are cash, EFTPOS, direct credit and CompassPay (*NEW*).

Nathalia Primary School understands that some families may experience difficulty in paying the contribution to classroom consumables, please contact the Principal for a confidential discussion and assistance with financial supports available to families.

Parents are asked to please review the above financial contributions table for an indication of the amount suggested for your family and complete the Parent Payment Slip attached to calculate contributions payable. For assistance, or to make payments, please contact the school.

For further information on the [Department's Parent Payments Policy](#) please see a one-page overview attached.

Extra-Curricular Items & Activities

As noted above, school contributions have been determined without including a set amount to cover the expenses related to Visiting Performances, Winter Sports Programs, Interschool Athletics and Classroom Excursions. When these activities are to take place, parents will be advised of the cost on the student consent form – with payment required for these activities prior to attending them. Payment will be made through the CSEF program monies or payment direct to the school (methods noted earlier).

School camps are also included in this user pays arrangement.

The school will present families with information and costs associated with student attendance at camp, providing adequate time and notice to accept the place at camp and provide an initial deposit for the fees associated with attendance. The school will make sure families have the time necessary, to create payment arrangements that suit their household budget, once the camp has confirmed numbers attending.

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund – (CSEF)

If you receive CSEF funding your child's Extra-Curricular Items & Activities will be paid using the CSEF funds received by the school. The CSEF amount for 2025 remains at \$150 per eligible student. CSEF funds will be automatically applied to the cost of any excursion that the student may be participating in. Should there be monies remaining after these excursions have been paid, the funds will remain available to reduce, or pay for, school camp (if applicable) in the future. CSEF funds remaining at the end of the year, will rollover to use in 2026.

CSEF funding is available to those families who hold a Commonwealth Health Care Card, or are in receipt of an approved Centrelink benefit, at the beginning of Term 1 2025 (29th January 2025). CSEF application forms for 2025 will be sent home with students at the commencement of the 2025 school year.

If you have previously applied for CSEF and your circumstances have not changed, you will not need to apply again as applications roll over from year to year. If you believe you may be eligible for the funding, please complete the form (when available) and your application will be processed and you will be advised of the outcome.

If you have any questions in regards to any of the Parent Payment Arrangements for 2025, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, or the Principal, Troy Woolley, here at school on (03) 5866 2677.

Thank you,



Leanne Halden
Business Manager

NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Payment Arrangements 2025



Family Name

	AMOUNT
Child 1 - Name
Child 2 - Name
Child 3 - Name
Child 4 - Name
TOTAL FEE PAYABLE	\$ _____

Payment has been made by:

- Cash Credit Card
- Direct Deposit Date of deposit
- Direct Deposit to: *BSB: 633 000*
 Account No: 110 101 565
 Account Name: Nathalia Primary School

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.

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.