



"Learning For Life"

Nathalia Primary School

Parent Payment Arrangements 2026

Nathalia Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2026 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, 2026 suggested parent payments 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 consumables, materials & equipment | | |
| <i>Including printing of student worksheets and learning materials, swimming and water safety program</i> | 110.00 | 130.00 |
| Online Learning Subscriptions | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Classroom Activities (Art, PE & STEM) | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Total Curriculum/Classroom Consumables | 180.00 | 200.00 |

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 2026

Grade 5/6

500.00

Grade 3/4

180.00

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

Fees can be paid online from 1 January 2026, 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.

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, Excursions & 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, Interscholar 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 from 1st January 2026 has increased to \$400 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 school year, will rollover to use in 2027.

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 2026 (27th January 2026). CSEF application forms for 2026 will be sent home with students at the commencement of the 2026 school year.

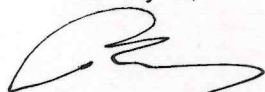
If you have previously applied for CSEF and your circumstances have not changed, you will not need to apply again as applications roll over from year to year. If you believe you may be eligible for the funding, please complete the form (when available) and your application will be processed and you will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

Financial Support for Families

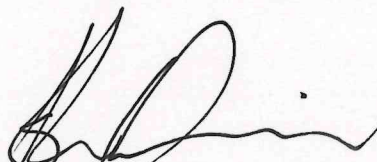
Nathalia Primary School understands that some families may experience difficulty in paying the contribution to classroom consumables, extra-curricular activities, or the purchase of school uniform. Please do not hesitate to contact the Principal for a confidential discussion about accessing financial supports available to families.

If you have any questions in regard to the Parent Payment Arrangements for 2026, please do not hesitate to contact the school on (03) 5866 2677.

Thank you,



Troy Woolley
Principal



Ashley Quinn
School Council President

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Family Name

| | Curriculum Contributions |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Child 1 - Name | |
| Child 2 - Name | |
| Child 3 - Name | |
| Child 4 - Name | |
| TOTAL FEE PAYABLE | \$ _____ |

Payment has been made by:

Cash ☐ Credit Card ☐ Compass Pay ☐

Direct Deposit ☐ Date of deposit

Direct Deposit to: BSB: 063 093
Account No: 1000 4192
Account Name: Nathalia Primary School

Description "your name" and tag 'fees'

EFTPOS payments can be made in person at the office

I authorise the amount of \$_____ to be charged to my Credit Card, details as follows:

Mastercard ☐ Visa Card ☐

Charge to:

Cardholder's Name: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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.