



2026 Parent Payment Contributions - Year Five

19 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning at Lloyd Street School in 2026. As we plan and prepare our programs, it is important to acknowledge that it is only with your ongoing support that we can continue to offer the best possible education with inclusive resources and additional curriculum experiences.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum. While we assure you that contributions are voluntary, your ongoing financial support and commitment ensures that Lloyd St can offer a higher quality and more targeted and diverse education, supporting every child to reach their potential.

Thank you for your contribution and support, particularly the voluntary financial contributions which allow us to operate a unique educational program at LSS. The simple reality is many aspects of the school and our students' education are not possible without your support.

In 2025, your parent contributions supported:

- The outstanding specialist programs in Art, Music, French and PE
- English and Maths specialist leadership roles
- Enhanced technology access through infrastructure upgrades
- The purchase of new wellbeing resources for classrooms and online materials
- The extension of targeted learning interventions
- New decodable texts for junior classes
- New maths resources across the school
- New teaching resources, displays and books for our Library
- Dedicated passionate staff in our Library space supporting students and staff
- New class sets of novel study texts for all levels across the school
- Grounds and maintenance staff to improve the appearance and safety in outdoor spaces

In line with the Department of Education policies, we would like to advise you of Lloyd Street School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Parent Payments are divided into the following categories:

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| 1. | Curriculum Contributions | Items and activities that students use, or participate in or have access to within the Curriculum. |
| 2. | Other Contributions | For non-curriculum items and activities including compass support, student wellbeing programs, first aid, school magazine. |
| 3. | Library Fund | Families are invited to contribute to maintain and improve this vital learning resource (currently not tax deductible). |
| 4. | Building Fund | Families are invited to contribute to building improvements to enhance the learning environment – this contribution is tax deductible. |
| 5. | Booklist / Stationery | Individual items purchased by families for their child to use at school (Via COS) |



We want to thank you for all your contributions and support, particularly the voluntary financial contributions which allows us to operate a unique educational program at LSS. The school can also support these payments with payment plans and other assistance.

In 2026 your Parent Payments will support:

- English and Maths specialist leadership roles
- New Maths fluency resources for all year levels
- New take home readers
- Continuing to staff and update resources in our Library
- New technology and resources for the expanded STEM program accessed by all students
- Expert teacher support for the expanded STEM program
- Developing an Enviro. Science/ outdoor teaching and garden space on Lloyd Street and Rothesay Av
- Reestablish a sustainability/ waste program across the school
- Replacing old projectors in classrooms with touch screen TVs
- Support ongoing student upgrades to ensure high quality access to technology

Further, we would like to thank you for volunteering your time to fundraise or support school events. Your contribution and involvement in our school, small or large, makes a huge difference to our school. It is only with all elements of community involvement that we maximise the connections between home and school and enhance the programs and experiences we offer to your children in their learning, through classroom and specialist programs, excursions and special events.

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

Thank you for all your contributions and support of Lloyd Street School and we look forward to working with you in 2026!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Painter'.

John Painter
PRINCIPAL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alexis Harrison'.

Alexis Harrison
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment - General classroom supplies - Sports – equipment and maintenance of equipment - Art – purchase of art supplies and resources - LOTE – French resources - Music - resources - Wellbeing - curriculum resources	\$180.00
Online subscriptions: Seesaw, Purple Mash, Essential Assessment, Nessy, Library	\$60.00
ICT: Provision and maintenance of devices, ICT Lab and servers, printers etc	\$50.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$35.00
Whole school events (user-pays basis)	\$TBA
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$325

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student Communication Compass to support report writing, parent/guardian communication, student attendance	\$70.00
Student Wellbeing – enrichment and student support including: - First aid staffing contribution for sick bay - First aid equipment - Wellbeing Room and resources - Additional staffing for wellbeing support	\$100.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50
Library Fund supporting this vital literacy resource (<i>Suggested - \$50</i>).	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$270
Tax deductible contributions [delete this section if your school does not have a tax-deductible fund]	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (<i>Suggested - \$150</i>).	[\$parent to complete]

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Lloyd Street School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School Magazine	\$ 20 approx.
School camp Grade 3&4, 2 nights	\$ 450 approx.
School camp Coolamatong Grade 5, 3 nights	\$ 550 approx.
School camp Canberra Grade 6	\$ 900 approx.
Swimming Grades 1&2, 3&4	\$ 20 approx.
Gross motor program 'Fantastic Gymnastics' – Foundation only	\$ 100 approx.
Interschool sports program Grades 5&6	\$ 25 approx.
Excursions to be scheduled throughout the year. \$20–\$50 each	\$ 150 approx.



Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 325.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$ 270.00
Building Fund <i>(Tax-deductible)</i>	\$ parent choice, suggested \$150
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (camps, excursions, etc)	\$ Pay as you Go via Compass
Total	\$ 595.00 + building fund option

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Camps, at the time of Camp
- Payment plans for Curriculum and Other Contributions.

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

Ph: 03 9573 4600 | Email: Elizabeth.howard@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Payments for Curriculum and Other Contributions can be paid via Compass or the Payment Plan dates as follows:

24th Feb (25%) of your total

30th Mar (25%) of your total

11th May (25%) of your total

22nd June (25%) of your total

Refunds:

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the school's discretion 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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY



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 and stationery).



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.