



Cowwarr Primary School

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Dear parent/guardian,

Cowwarr Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Cowwarr Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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, resources, and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

We are very lucky at Cowwarr as we can offer high quality educational programs, supported by great technology and resources. We promote an inclusive environment and operate as a team to share in all curricular and extra-curricular programs.

We try to keep parent financial commitments to a minimum, but your financial help does add to our monetary resources which enable us to make the school even better.

In 2025 we are requesting a parent contribution of \$120 per child for the year, which equates to thirty dollars per term.

We trust that you are happy with all that our team offers your child/ren and will continue to support us in 2025.

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

Yours sincerely,

Chanae Johns
Principal
Cowwarr Primary School

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum School Contribution.	Amount Per child, per year
<i>Classroom consumables (pens, paper, printing) materials & equipment</i>	\$ 120
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reading Eggs (\$30)</i> • <i>Mathletics (\$40)</i> 	\$ 70
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices</i> <i>Computer (approx.) maintenance</i> <i>I-pad (approx.)</i> <i>Headphone (\$25)</i>	\$75
<i>Whole school events (Transport)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Athletics carnival - entry and transport</i> • <i>Swimming carnival – entry and transport</i> • <i>Cluster events.</i> 	\$ 200
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>First aid equipment (Icepacks, Band-Aids)</i>	\$15
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements etc...</i>	-
<i>There are many other contributions made at school level, to individual students including school events, sport, specialist teachers, food, and individual learning activities.</i>	-
Total Amount	\$ 480

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Children can be involved in cluster camps if parents choose but this will incur extra costs which would be determined by the organising school. These activities and their cost will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School camps [See requesting parent payments for camps and excursions one-page overview for more information]	TBA
Excursion to be scheduled	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *Payment plan*

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

Business Manager Lianne Bassett

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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$480
Other Contributions	\$ -
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Payment methods

Preferred method is via direct deposit Cowwarr Primary School BSB 083-001 Account number 479798439 or cash.

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.