

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Laa Yulta Primary School, our vision is to educate all students to the highest levels of academic achievement. Our school aims to empower all students to embrace the challenge in learning, achieve their personal best and build their emotional, social and physical wellbeing. Our mission is to strive to consciously create an environment of respect and acceptance that fosters a safe learning environment and sense of belonging. This will allow our students to take risks in their learning and thus lead to higher academic outcomes. To support this vision, we would like to advise you of our school's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing financial support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for all our students. We would like to thank all our families in advance for their voluntary financial commitment to our newly established school. This will make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can provide.

With the support of our families paying these voluntary contributions we will be able to deliver holistic, robust and enriching educational programs for all our students.

Within our school this will allow us to provide specialist programs such as Art, STEM and Physical Education. Students will also have access to digital learning platforms such as Mathletics, Literacy Planet and Seesaw. Our students' wellbeing will also be strongly supported by our emphasis on School Wide Positive Behaviours and Respectful Relationships. Our students will have access to a wide range of materials and experiences that will allow them to create and innovate which underpins our philosophy of nurturing happy, healthy and resilient children.

Please note that for 2024 our Interim School Council has established our voluntary financial contributions of \$200. This will include the provision of individual Book Packs to all students that will be ordered in bulk through a supplier and will be handed out to every student at the beginning of the year.

Please refer to the attached pages for a more comprehensive break down of these payments.

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

Please visit COMPASS – 'School Documentation' for the following information:

- Refunds Policy
- CSEF Policy – Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding
- Digital Technologies Policy
- DET Parent Payment Policy

Yours sincerely,

Mark Zahra
Principal

Joanna Tucker
School Council President (Interim)

2024 FOUNDATION – YEAR 6 PARENT PAYMENTS



Curriculum Contributions – Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum Paid directly to school via COMPASS (preferred payment)	AMOUNT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Stationery Pack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Including all exercise books, pens, pencils, scissors and other stationery items to support student learning throughout the year. 	\$ 76.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In our Maths program students will get a workbook for each semester 	\$ 34.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Access to shared devices and equipment. (iPads, Headphones, keyboards) ➤ Online Subscriptions: examples; Pr1me Digital Assessment, Dibels Assessment Fun Music Company, Britannica Kids, QuickMaths, Interactive Telling Time, Nat Geo World Atlas ➤ Printing and copying of student work ➤ Mobile Device Management (JAMF) 	\$ 50.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist Programs: Art, STEM and Physical Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During specialist classes, students will have access to a range of equipment and resources. ➤ Students will print or produce projects and experiment with a range of materials while exploring these areas. Items may include materials such as clay, cardboard and decorative supplies (eg glitter, feathers and stick-on adornments). 	\$ 30.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Wellbeing <p>As part of our schools' commitment to nurturing happy, healthy and resilient children students will participate in the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School Wide Positive Behaviours. ➤ Respectful Relationships. 	\$ 10.00
Suggested Total	\$200.00

Extra Curricular Items and Activities – To be paid at the time of the event Laa Yulta Primary School will offer a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis at the time of the event.	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During specialist classes 	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	TBA

TOTAL

Category	Suggested Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$200.00
Extra-curricular Items and Activities	TBA



Financial Support for Families

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

FAMILY SUPPORT OPTIONS

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has again committed to providing eligible students with Camps, Sports & Excursion funds (CSEF). These funds are paid to the school to use towards excursions, incursions and camps for eligible students. To be eligible for the funding, a parent or legal guardian must be the holder of a current Healthcare card or Pension card or be a temporary foster parent on the first day of Term 1 or Term 2. Parents who are eligible for CSEF will be required to complete and submit a CSEF application form by the due date. Applications close at the end of Term 2, 2024

Individual Payment Plans – via COMPASS only

It is the policy at Laa Yulta Primary School that our students should not miss out on opportunities due to financial hardship. No child will be denied anything from the basic curriculum.

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

Robyn Baker

Ph: 03 9967 2600

Email: laa.yulta.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PARENT PAYMENT OPTIONS - CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

We recommend that families make their payment using the COMPASS App or via EFTPOS at our School Administration Building.

Laa Yulta Primary School is a **cashless school; we recommend payment via Compass.**

- PAYMENT ONLINE VIA COMPASS:
 - Our preferred Payment Option is via COMPASS
 - Online COMPASS payments can be made at your convenience at any time, no forms required

OR

- EFTPOS PAYMENT VIA the SCHOOL OFFICE
 - Payments may be made at our school office

Our school Administration Office is open during school terms from 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

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.