



**WATSONIA HEIGHTS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Strive for the Heights*

## Parent Payment Arrangements 2026

November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are very proud of the educational programs and the learning opportunities and activities that are on offer at Watsonia Heights Primary School. We are looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning in 2026. As we do each year, School Council has recently reviewed the annual school fees, focused on continuing to provide high quality education for your children at the most affordable cost to families. School Council is very much aware of the impacts of previous years and have made every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum whilst still providing a comprehensive learning program that involves many disciplines and subject areas. Our ongoing challenge is to continue to provide these experiences in a way that provides a depth and thoroughness to our students. It is vital for us to continue to provide the most up to date resources and subscriptions for your child to access the highest quality teaching and learning provisions. Applying a robust budgeting approach, we would like to advise you of Watsonia Heights Primary School's voluntary financial contributions and extra-curricular items and activities for 2026.

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 support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through financial contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school, this support has allowed us to offer educational programs, learning opportunities and activities that we are very proud of and focus on providing your children with a comprehensive, fully resourced, and up to date education in a clean and safe environment.

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

**The payment process will remain the same for 2026.**

**Term 1 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities are required to be paid by the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

**Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions are greatly appreciated by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities for Terms 2, 3 & 4 amounts will be communicated to families prior to the events via Compass.**

**Camp costs will be communicated 1 term before.**

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund
  - *if eligible please complete the attached CSEF form and return with the parent payment arrangements form along with a copy of your card or eligibility. Eligibility date must include **27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and/or 21 April 2026.***
- Banyule Community Health
- Diamond Valley Community Support



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For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please don't hesitate to contact Tony or Bronwyn prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

## **Payment methods**

- Compass

## **Refunds**

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

All parent payment arrangement forms are due back no later than **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

**Thank you for your ongoing support of our great school.**

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Bethune  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Tony Ryan  
**PRINCIPAL**

Bronwyn Finnin  
**BUSINESS MANAGER**