

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2021



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Dear families,

Neerim South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Neerim South Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021. The fee schedules for each year level are attached. Please complete this form and return to the school by 7th December so the school can prepare accordingly. Statements will be available in January and it is expected that payment is made at the time of collection of the stationery packs, unless a payment plan is arranged. Neerim South Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Once again, we will be ordering individual stationery packs on behalf of families through a local company, Select Office Supplies in Warragul.

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (application forms available from the School office or online @ <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>
NOTE: If you previously applied for CSEF you do not need to fill in another application form.
- Second hand uniform, if stock available.
- State Schools Relief (SSR) support is available for uniforms/footwear.
- Information regarding support options is also available from the school office and will be advertised periodically in the Newsletter.
- Centrepay payments to the school can be arranged if you receive Centrelink benefits.

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

Debbie Beck, Business Manager or Jennie Prout, Principal

Ph: 03 5628 1254 | Email: neerim.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods: EFTPOS / DIRECT TRANSFER / CASH / CHEQUE / CENTREPAY

Direct Bank Transfer (preferred) BSB: 633 000 Account number: 111653499

Account name: NSPS Council Official Account

Centrepay is available if you receive Centrelink benefits. Please ask at the office for details and the necessary application form. Deductions are made fortnightly at your nominated amount.

Refunds

Please contact the School to request any refunds if your child leaves the school midway through the year or doesn't attend optional activities.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one page overview which is attached.

Yours sincerely,
Jennifer Prout
Principal

Russell Tomlin
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE

Please find below the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Neerim South Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

| Essential Student Learning Items | Amount |
|---|--|
| <p>Student Stationery Packs – supplied by Select Office Supplies, Warragul</p> <p>These items will be packaged together as individual student packs and are available for collection from the office in January during school hours. (Book lists are available separately upon request.)</p> <p>This charge includes items owned by the student in-class and any unused items are brought home at the end of the year.</p> | <p>Prep \$75 Grade 1 \$80 Grade 2 \$80 Grade 3 \$70 Grade 4 \$65 Grade 5 \$70 Grade 6 \$70</p> |
| Reading Diary (Reading Trek F-2 and Study Trek 3-6 students) | \$6 |
| Headphones (all students except Grade 1 as these will be used from F year) (Not supplied in the stationery pack, we have sourced a better brand, which will hopefully last longer and will not be required to be purchased again next year) | \$17 |
| Whiteboard pack (includes eraser) sourced separately not in stationery pack | \$7 |
| Library satchel (Foundation students only) replacement bags are available | \$12 |
| Take home coloured reader bag (Foundation students only) | \$6.50 |
| Pencil case (Year 3 students only) replacements are available at the office | \$10 |
| Maths ruler (Year 3 students only) replacements are available at the office | \$8 |
| School Sport Victoria Membership (all students) | \$1.50 |
| Neerim Cluster Athletics Association registration fee (Years 3-6) | \$7 |
| Neerim Cluster Athletics (includes travel to Geoff Watt Track, Wgl) (Years 3-6) | \$10 |
| <p>Online Learning Subscriptions (all students)</p> <p>Includes: My Numeracy and Sunset Maths (replaces Mathletics this year), My Literacy, Literacy Pro (years 3-6), Phonics Hero (F-2 students) online access available at home as well as at school</p> | \$38 |
| School Performance/Dance (all students) | \$10 |
| Life Education program (all students) | \$16.50 |
| Personal Development program (years 5-6 students) provided by Life Education | \$18 |
| ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE | |

Optional Items

Neerim South Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below. It is expected that these activities are paid for prior to attendance.

| Optional Items | Amount |
|--|---------|
| Incursion 1 (Term 2) | \$8.00 |
| Incursion 2 (Term 3) | \$8.00 |
| Kaboom Kid Tabloid Sports (Term 4) | \$9.00 |
| F-2 Major Excursion | \$TBA |
| Grade 3/4 camp to CYC Forest Edge (Term 4) 15-17 November 2021 | \$TBA |
| Grade 5/6 Major Excursion | \$TBA |
| Swimming Carnival (Grades 1-6) (Term 1) | \$15.00 |
| Grade 2 Sleepover at NSPS in the Orana Centre (Term 4) | \$15 |
| ADDITIONAL ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE OFFICE | |
| Hats | \$15 |
| School back pack | \$50 |
| Library satchel | \$12 |
| Swimming bag | \$12 |
| Replacement Headphones | \$17 |
| Replacement calculator | \$6 |
| Replacement Maths ruler | \$8 |
| Pencil Case | \$10 |
| Replacement whiteboard erasers | \$2 |

Voluntary Contributions

Neerim South Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

| Voluntary Contribution | Tax deductible? | Suggested Voluntary Contribution per student | \$ Amount |
|--|------------------------|---|------------------|
| Suggested gardening/grounds levy (per student) | No | \$25.00 | |
| School Magazine | No | | \$15.00 |
| Building Fund – Maintenance and repairs to the Cowan Hamano Building <i>School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund</i> | Yes | Nominate your amount, suggestion: \$50 per family | |
| TOTAL | | | \$ |

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY Monday 7th December, 2020

Essential Student Learning Items: Parent Payment Charges

\$ Amount

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Essential Student Learning Items | Stationery Packs |
| Child _____ Grade _____ | \$ _____ |
| Child _____ Grade _____ | \$ _____ |
| Child _____ Grade _____ | \$ _____ |
| Child _____ Grade _____ | \$ _____ |
| Other essential items, as listed on page 2 | \$ _____ |

Optional Items

Incursions/Excursions and Camps \$ _____

Voluntary Contributions

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| School Magazine | \$ 15.00 |
| Grounds / gardening maintenance | \$ _____ |
| Building Fund | \$ _____ |

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF-Application-Form-2020.pdf>

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply in 2020.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF

visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>