



ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Consider Others"

Respect Excellence Acceptance Community Honesty

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

PREP - 2026 PARENT PAYMENT

Altona North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Altona North Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide:

- consistency in the range of school materials, so all students are afforded the same advantages for their learning, e.g. exercise books, pens, pencils, work books, diaries, journals, headphones
- on-going access to a range of online learning programs for all students so no child is disadvantaged, e.g. Athletics/Mathseeds, Writing Legends, Reading Eggs and Sunshine Online
- well-resourced Specialist programs in Visual Arts, Information & Communication Technology (I.C.T), Physical Education (P.E) and Performing Arts, that engage all students in extra-curricular activities
- S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering & Maths – which includes our successful Robotics Program)
- delivery of our Auslan program

Altona North Primary School takes pride in all its achievements both in and out of the classroom, and to maintain the level and quality of resources to support the learning opportunities for all students, we are counting on the continued generosity of our families in supporting this 'new' approach to school contributions.

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

If you have any questions regarding 2026 Parent Payments, please don't hesitate to contact our office

Sincerely,

Lee Blunt
Acting Principal

Jes Oxley
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> • <i>Personal Stationary (\$64)</i> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20)</i> • <i>Physical Education – sports equipment (\$20)</i> • <i>Auslan – classroom resources (\$30)</i> • <i>English – book boxes (\$20)</i> • <i>Mathematics – numeracy blocks (\$20)</i>	\$174
<i>Online subscriptions</i> • <i>3 Essentials Package – Reading, Writing & Mathematics (\$28)</i> • <i>Sunshine Online (\$10)</i>	\$38
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$35
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$30
<i>Swimming and water safety program</i>	TBA
<i>Excursions and incursions</i>	TBA
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$277

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$15
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$35

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

Altona North Primary 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.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

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

Lee Blunt

Ph: 03 9391 4233 | Email: Altona.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Altona North Primary School. Payments can be made through our **Xuno** portal. Alternatively, Cash or Direct Deposit is accepted. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding payment methods.

Altona North Primary School

BSB: 063 571

Account Number: 1004 5869

(Please include your **child's name** and '**PP26**' in the description)

Refunds

Parents 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.

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.