



PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent / Carer

Warragul & District Specialist School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Warragul & District Specialist School's* parent payment arrangements for **2021**.

Warragul & District Specialist School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Financial Support for Families

Warragul & District Specialist School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to appl. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.
- State school relief
State Schools relief only responds to request from schools and not from parents. The school will then make a request to State Schools 'Relief on your behalf.
Talk to the office staff about uniforms, shoes, books and stationery through the State schools relief. Eligibility criteria needs to be met.

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

Ph: 03 56231385 | Email: warragul.district.ss@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods:

- *Centrepay payment schedule.* Centrepay – is a free, voluntary service for Centrelink customers to pay expenses such as education fees and expenses. This can be arranged through the school office.
- School payment plan.
- Payment can be made electronically via the schools bank account.
- Payment can be made at the school office noting that the school does not have epos.
- If payment is sent in with students it must be in a secure envelope clearly labelled.
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Refunds

- "Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment."

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

Yours sincerely

Principal

School Council President

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Stationery Items depending on individual requirements.	30:00
School Diary	12:00
Food consumed in the Kitchen Garden program if applicable (\$3 per session x 40 weeks)	120:00
Communication tools – PODD book, assistive technology devices such as a switch, aided language displays and managing behaviour displays (including printing and laminating) if required.	100:00
Cost of travel for local community access (\$2 per session x 40 weeks)	80:00
Health & Human Relations (Family Planning) if this forms a part of the curriculum program (<i>if applicable</i>)	50:00
Work transition program (<i>if applicable</i>)	100:00
Student ID CARD Middle/ senior units	10:00
TOTAL DUE (capped at \$100)	\$ 100.00

Optional Items

Warragul & District Specialist 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.

Optional Item	Amount
<i>Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2020. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.]</i>	<i>To be advised</i>
<i>Extra curriculum activities</i>	<i>To be advised</i>
TOTAL	\$

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount	\$ 100
Optional Items	Amount	to be advised
	TOTAL	\$ 100