



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Ararat West Primary School (AWPS) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of AWPS's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

AWPS makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

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 fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

**Curriculum Contributions (CC)** - The CC is used to provide the majority of school materials and services for your child ie. Books, paper, art/craft, pens, rulers, pencils, and curriculum related programs. Your child will be issued with his/her Starter Book Pack at the beginning of the year and will be replenished throughout the year as needed. Replacement items due to wilful and deliberate damage or loss, will be borne by parents.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, science, languages and physical education equipment and resources. This in turn supports them to be exemplary programs, together with our exceptional classroom teaching of established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths.

**Financial Support for Families** - AWPS understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund  
(Please note that if CSEF funds are available the school will utilise these funds for the swimming programs and activities/excursions)
- Payment Plans

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

*Tianee Hurst* Ph: 03 5352 1909 | Email: [ararat.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ararat.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

**Payment Methods** - The school has both Direct Deposit and Bpay access. Families who wish to use either process to make payments can contact Tianee at the office. Bpay is the preferred method of payment.

**Direct Deposit details:-** ANZ Ararat: Ararat West Primary School

**BSB: 013-504 Account No: 2841-46166**

**IMPORTANT—If payments are made by Direct Deposit, please ensure a name and short description is added so that the money can be assigned to the correct family and item. If a name is not included, we have no way of knowing who to allocate the money to. Thank you for your help in this matter.**

**Refunds** - Please see the attached refund document for further information.

**DET Parent Payment Policy** – For further information please see a one-page overview attached

Yours sincerely,

Mr Terry Keilar

Principal

Mrs Stacey Dale

School Council President