



Dear parent/guardian,

Ngurraga School is excited to be open in 2026 and look forward to an amazing year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ngurraga 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 will allow us to provide sensory supports, allied health supports and additional communication tools. At Ngurraga School, we want to ensure that your child is provided an opportunity to always access the best and most appropriate supports. To do this, your support is so important.

Ngurraga School is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Quinn

Elaine Quinn
Principal
Ngurraga School

Curriculum Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. • Food tech – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc. • Performing Art – Costumes, musical instruments etc. • Sports – equipment • Allied Health - Sensory items, assessment tools, OT equipment 	\$100
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading eggs and Mathletics • Vivi Application for interacting Learning 	\$200
Communication tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PODD books • Assistive technology devices 	\$100
Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions	\$400

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

Ngurruga 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities May Include	Amount
<i>School Yearbook</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Excursions, Late Stays, Camps</i>	<i>TBC</i>

Financial support and payment methods

Ngurruga 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) and Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. Ngurruga School has arranged the voluntary contributions to be made in Compass so each family can contribute, without feeling like they need to talk to anybody about their finances. You can contribute whatever you are able through Compass Pay at your convenience. Should you wish to discuss these payments or would prefer a different payment method, please reach out to our administration team and they will be able to support you.

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.