Yinnar South Primary School

October 2027

Dear Parents,

Yinnar South Primary School is not inviting voluntary contributions from parents and carers for 2027. This letter provides information about other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Yinnar South Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. We want to let you know about the costs of extra-curricular items and activities, such as camps and excursions etc, for 2027.

Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Sarah Lonnie on (03) 51691540

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number (03) 51691540.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Lonnie

Yinnar South Primary School Principal

Haylie Corin

Yinnar South Primary School Council President

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YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2027

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Extra-curricular items and activities

Yinnar South Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs
- class photos

We have provided indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below.

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made now or later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost
Senior Camp	**$150.00 (unconfirmed)**
School Photos (Depending on package selected)	
Excursions across the year (unknown at this time)	
Reader Bags (purchased from BELEZA Traralgon)	**$13 - $15.00 (unconfirmed)**

Learning Materials:

Yinnar South Primary School do not require you to purchase any learning materials apart from what is listed above

Digital subscriptions:

Yinnar South Primary School will provide your child with access to what they need for their learning.

Financial help for families

Yinnar South Primary School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend extra-curricular activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms** - delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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Applications for support under both the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact:

Sarah Lonnie
Ph: 03 51691540 | Email: Yinnar.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

If you would like to pay for extra-curricular items and, activities please use the following:

Name: Yinnar South Primary School

BSB: 063522

ACC: 10068598

REF: Your Child Name

Refunds

Parent 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 of Education's Parent Contributions policy and guidance, Financial Help for Families policy, and any other relevant information.

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Parent Contributions policy

Information for families



FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.



FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided or provided from home, schools must provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.

Schools must publish their Parent Contributions arrangements on their school website, along with a link the department's Parent Contributions policy.