



Niddrie
autistic school

13/05/2024

Dear parent/guardian,

Niddrie Autistic School has had a great start to the year of teaching and learning, we are looking forward to the rest of the 2024 school year. We would like to advise you of Niddrie Autistic School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Lauren Topp

Acting Principal

Melanje Mumford

School Council President



Curriculum Contributions –items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	Family Contribution
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. (\$25) • Cooking – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc. (\$30) • General Classroom Materials - scrap books, glue sticks, textas etc. (shared) (\$40) 	\$95	\$
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are various subscriptions used, some examples are: Proloquo2go, Boardmaker, Reading Eggs, Mathletics, ASD Reading. Your child will access one or more depending on their program and goals. 	\$15	\$
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$15	\$
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$125	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Family Contribution
Whole School Incursion Events – as part of our students program, throughout the year we regularly organise incursions and excursions that are engaging and beneficial for our students. CSEF can be used to cover these costs.	\$25	\$
Total Other Contributions	\$	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Niddrie Autistic School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis..

Financial Support for Families

Niddrie Autistic 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

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

Ph: 03 9112 8112 | Email: Niddrie.autistic.sch@education.vic.gov.au





Total

Category	Total recommended amount	Total payment
Curriculum contributions	\$125	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$25	\$
Total	\$150	\$

Payment methods

- Direct deposit into the schools account – BSB: 033 134 Account: 505 718. Please include your child’s name in the description.
- Cash or cheque.

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’s Parent Payments 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) 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.

