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Hallora,Warragul West,
Lardner,Tetoora Road.

LARDNER AND DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL No 5393

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Dear Parents,

Lardner & District Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2027.
Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum. 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.

Within our school, your support in 2026 allowed us to:

- Run an intervention program
- Fit out our shipping container
- Purchase materials for the green house
- Increase casual teacher relief in case of staff absences, ensuring uninterrupted learning for students

In 2027 we would like to further develop engaging learning tasks and opportunities by

- Erecting a roof structure over the basketball court
- Continuing to upgrade the selection of decodable books for developing readers
- Continuing to prioritise student wellbeing with the continuation of 'The resilience project' and our on-site Psychologist service.

On the following pages parents will find a stationery list (booklists) for students that parents are requested to provide, these can be purchased at Select Office Supplies Warragul. This involves providing a pencil case, textas, pencils, ruler, etc and can be re-used from the previous year. You will also find our School Voluntary Financial Contributions Schedule for 2027, which includes an overview of what your contributions will go towards.

Financial Support for Families with Heath Care/Pension Card
Lardner & District Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Heather Roberts (Business Manager) on 03 5626 1303, or email lardner.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. Parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

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Principal

Jaime Awty
School Council President

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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 from home, schools will 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 to the department's Parent Contributions policy.