

2026 Greek Bilingual Program Parent Payments

6th October 2025

Dear Families,



Lalor North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in the Greek Bilingual Program and would like to advise you of Lalor North Primary 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.

Your ongoing financial contributions are crucial to ensuring our students have access to the best, up to date resources, facilities and opportunities they deserve. Without this financial support, many resources that improve our children's education would not be possible.

School Council completes an annual review of the Parent Payment Policy and Parent Payment charges every year. The contributions from families have made a significant impact, enabling us to offer special curriculum opportunities that would not have been possible otherwise.

In 2026, family contributions will support us to provide both the quality and visibility of the Greek Bilingual Program. Specifically, contributions will go towards:

Structure & Organisation

- Expanding to a four-grade model and supporting a balanced structure to ensure more personalised learning.
- Increasing in-class support, to allow more targeted assistance for students at different stages of learning.
- Providing the crossover day for both language teachers of Greek and English to work on the same day to support a smooth handover for students.
- Support for increasing our furniture and equipment.

Resource Development

- Catering for our growing enrolment and the additional resources required to teach with proficiency.
- Purchasing and developing quality Greek language resources, including books, bilingual texts, and literacy resources in both Greek and English.
- Purchasing and developing quality Greek and English phonics resources to strengthen early reading and writing skills.
- Enrichment of literacy and numeracy programs taught through Greek, strengthening bilingual proficiency.
- Extension programs for high ability students and support programs for students that require additional support.
- Developing improved home learning resources, as requested by families.

Greek Bilingual Promotion

- Promoting our unique bilingual program within the wider community with new promotional materials.
- Supporting the Greek Storytime initiative at our school for Greek language development from an early age.
- Purchasing Greek merchandise, props, flags and cultural resources to enrich celebrations and cultural events, as part of the teaching and learning of culture.
- Celebrating Greek culture and heritage through special events and performances that connect students with language, heritage, and pride, such as Easter traditions, Flag Festival, Ohi Day and Independence Day.

Digital Technologies

- Providing students with high-quality, up-to-date laptops, including regular updates, repairs, and ongoing maintenance
- Purchasing STEAM resources, such as robotics, coding equipment, and digital tools for the 21st Century learner.
- Expanding access to online learning platforms for both English and Greek to support teaching and learning.

Wellbeing

- Providing greater access to wellbeing resources for students in classrooms.
- Strengthening the wellbeing team to include mental health support staff and the opportunity to employ a psychologist.
- Supporting student leadership programs that develop student voice and agency.
- Purchasing a variety of resources and developing social skills programs to support health and physical activity initiatives.

We encourage payments to be made by **Friday 12th December 2025**.

Finally, we would like to also add that we are proud of the broad range of programs and opportunities available at Lalor North Primary School. These would not be possible without the generosity of our families. Please be assured that voluntary contributions are kept to a minimum to remain affordable for all parents.

Thank you once again for your ongoing commitment to supporting your child's education and our school community. Together, we can ensure that 2026 is another year filled with rich learning, growth, and success for every student.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Bryan

(Principal)

Maria Pejoski Aleksowski

(School Council President)

2026 Greek Bilingual Program Contributions

STUDENT NAME:

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
<i>Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</i>	
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Stationery Pack with supplies (stationery, books, pencils, glue sticks, handwriting book etc) Diary or Reading Logbook Sports equipment Art – paint, crayons, PVA glue, brushes, craft materials, coloured paper Mathematics – numeracy classroom resources English – Home Reading, Decodable Books, Classroom Library, Big Books, Literature Sets Welbeing support materials and consumables Sustainability resources and cooking supplies Clubs Participation; including, art, choir, soccer, chess, dance, STEAM and Lego. 	\$150
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Eggs Education Perfect – Languages Subscription LMERC Subscription Decodable Readers Australia Subscription Mathletics/ Mathseeds Subscription Maths Association Victoria 	\$30
Digital Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of devices and storage (including maintenance, updated software, installation of department security settings, service and repair) Headphones and other digital equipment and tools 	\$30
Printing and photocopying of learning materials	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$230

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation for Sport	\$20
Student & Parent Communication tools (Compass)	\$30
First Aid Equipment and Supplies	\$30
Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance of School	\$20
Performances, Concerts, Events and Special Cultural Activities	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$120

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – PROVIDED ON A USER-PAYS BASIS

Lalor North Primary 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 - These are provided on a user pays basis.	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Camps ○ Swimming - (The cost will be subsidised to make it cost effective, including buses to travel to the swim centre) ○ Interschool sports program & Additional Sporting Competitions ○ Whole School Athletics Day ○ Excursion/Incursions to be scheduled per year level ○ Incursions to be scheduled per year level ○ Graduation 	\$TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Category	Totals
- Curriculum Contributions	\$230
- Other Contributions	\$120
- Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA
Total Parent Payment Payable for 2026	\$350

I would also like to make an additional donation ☐ \$10 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ other \$_____

Payment methods

- ☐ I will pay at the Office by Eftpos Machine or Cash
- ☐ I have made the payment by bank transfer using below details:

Lalor North Primary School Council Official – Commonwealth Bank

BSB 063226 Account 10069429 Please use your child's name as the reference.

Financial Support for Families

Lalor North Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- The Smith Family

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

Elizabeth Bryan (Principal)

Ph: 03 9465 4922 | Email: Lalor.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Refund Information

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) 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.