

## 2026 Macedonian Bilingual Program Parent Payments

6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Families,



Lalor North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in the Macedonian 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 Macedonian Bilingual Program. Specifically, contributions will go towards:*

### **Structure & Organisation**

- Expanding to a seven-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 Macedonian 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.
- The continued creation, translation, purchase and development of quality Macedonian language resources, including books, bilingual texts, and literacy resources in both Macedonian and English.
- Producing quality Macedonian and English phonics resources to strengthen early reading and writing skills.
- Creating new resources for enrichment of literacy and numeracy programs taught through Macedonian, to strengthen 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.

### Macedonian Bilingual Promotion

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

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century learner.
- Expanding access to online learning platforms for both English and Macedonian 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 Pejovski - Aleksovski*

(School Council President)

## 2026 Macedonian Bilingual Program Contributions

**STUDENT NAME:**

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

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

### 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"> <li>○ School Camps</li> <li>○ Swimming - (The cost will be subsidised to make it cost effective, including buses to travel to the swim centre)</li> <li>○ Interschool sports program &amp; Additional Sporting Competitions</li> <li>○ Whole School Athletics Day</li> <li>○ Excursion/Incursions to be scheduled per year level</li> <li>○ Incursions to be scheduled per year level</li> <li>○ Graduation</li> </ul>	\$TBA
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$TBA</b>

### Total Payable to Lalor North Primary School

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

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](mailto: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.