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Newtown Primary School

YEAR PREP

2026 CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS & BOOKLIST INFORMATION

Newtown Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Newtown Primary School's financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum 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.**

Financial support from our families enables us to purchase and supply vital resources and consumable items to our students each school year, which assists in facilitating an engaging and well-rounded learning environment at Newtown Primary School.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through vital financial contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Within our school this support has allowed us to continue to deliver an outstanding education to all students at Newtown Primary School.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview on page 6.

Yours sincerely,

Corrie Barclay | Principal

Georgia Lea | School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount \$308 (subtotal)
<i>Year Prep classroom consumables, materials & equipment in addition to the student education items & resources (booklist) overleaf;</i> <i>Classroom</i> – laminating pouches, poster paper, cover paper, materials for specific classroom activities, permanent & whiteboard markers, blu tack (\$25) <i>Art</i> – paint, glitter, sequins, coloured/card/poster/cover/crepe paper, themed activities, clay & modelling supplies, wool, PVA & adhesives, textiles, markers, pencils, pastels (\$25) <i>Music & Performing Arts</i> – Musical instruments (\$22) <i>Indonesian</i> – bi-lingual texts, cultural resources, activity pages, 'Indonesian Day' Incursion & activities (\$22) <i>Mathematics</i> – numeracy blocks, calculators, counters, cards (\$12) <i>Literacy</i> – reading group texts, classroom library texts (\$12) <i>PE</i> – sports equipment, cross country event, athletics day carnival (\$22) <i>STEM</i> – items for experiments and activities (\$12) <i>Library</i> – provision for shared library resources and books (\$7) <i>Student Diary</i> – specific to Newtown PS students F-yr2 (\$11)	\$170
<i>Year Prep Online Subscriptions & Applications</i> <i>Compass, Seesaw, iPad App management software, Student data management software, iNewsletter, Maths300</i>	\$70
<i>Year Prep Provision of ICT devices from shared classroom sets</i>	\$20
<i>Year Prep Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20
<i>Year Prep Life Education Program</i>	\$18
<i>Schoolwide Wellbeing Programs</i>	\$10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount \$47 (subtotal)
<i>First aid equipment</i> – ice packs, band aids, gauze, tape, cotton wipes, bandages, non-adhesive dressings, wound dressings, hand sanitiser, gloves	\$7
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i> - Handy man services, soft fall mulch, sand, general grounds upkeep	\$40
Total suggested contributions for 2026 School Year	\$345
Tax deductible contributions – Newtown Primary School Building Fund	
<i>Building Fund - Suggested payment range \$50-\$175 per child</i> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Families can nominate any amount; this is a suggested amount only.</i>	\$
Total Contribution Amount (Including suggested \$50 Building Fund Contribution)	\$405

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT BOOKLIST ITEMS

(Educational items & resources for students to own)



Attached is a list of items & resources that Newtown Primary School recommends that you purchase through **COS (Complete Office Supplies)** for your child/ren to individually own and use throughout the school year.

You are also invited to make contributions to your child's 2026 Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and/or Building Fund when placing your child's Educational Items pack order.

All Items ordered through COS by families will be individually packed and delivered directly to the school for the beginning of the school year. (NB: This method avoids additional postage costs for families).

Newtown Primary School have worked hard with COS to offer a suitable pack of items tailored to your child's learning area at a very competitive price, whilst maintaining the quality of items supplied.

You may choose to purchase these items elsewhere; however, we ask that you select the same items (brands & sizes) where possible and bring all items to school on the first day of the 2026 school year.

Please ensure you process your child/children's Individual Education Items & Resources Pack order by no later than 6th January 2026.

How to order and pay for your child's 2026 Education Items & Resources and Parent Contributions:



Go To: <https://parent.cos.net.au/>

Username: **newtownnps@cos.net.au**

Password: **BTS2026-Parents**



Select your child's 2026 learning area from the list

Families are invited to make contributions to your child's Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and/or Building Fund when placing your child's Education Items Pack order.

Families with multiple students can add all education items & resources packs and contributions in the same transaction by adding them to your cart before checking out.

Please ensure you process your child/children's Individual Education Items & Resources Pack order by no later than 6th January 2026, this will guarantee school delivery of your child's book pack prior to the commencement of the school year.

If you require any assistance with placing your orders online, please contact COS, view the online how-to tutorial [here](#) or contact the school office.

COS offer a range of payment options, including PayPal 'Pay in 4'.



INDIVIDUAL STUDENT BOOKLIST ITEMS

(Educational items & resources for students to own)

YEAR PREP 2026

List of Educational Items & Resources for students to individually own and use throughout the school year

Description	Unit	MND	Qty
Staedtler Natural Tri Jumbo 2B Pencil Graphite	Each	Y	5
Bostik Glu Stik 35g Clear	Each	Y	4
Staedtler 432M Triangular Ballpoint Med Violet	Each	Y	1
COS Mesh Pouch A5 275x200mm Clear	Each	Y	1
Rainbow Art Folio 250gsm A2 Kraft Brown	Each	Y	1
COS Scrapbook 330x240mm Blank 100gsm 64P Marine Life	Each	Y	6
Writing Book 330x240mm 24mm DT 70gsm 64P Shark	Each	Y	2
Westcott L/R AntiMicro Scissors 152mm Assorted	Each	Y	1
COS Magnetic Mini Dogbone W/B Eraser Blue	Each	Y	2
COS Mini Scrapbook 165x245mm 100gsm 64Pg Marine Life	Each	Y	2
COS Premium A4 80gsm Copy Paper White	Each	Y	1
Staedtler Noris Wax Twistable Crayons Assorted	Box12	Y	2
COS Whiteboard Bullet Marker 2mm Wallet Assorted	Wlt4	Y	2
Micador Colourfun Broad Colour Markers Assorted	Wlt12	Y	1
Staedtler Barrel Pencil Sharpener Double Assorted	Each	Y	1
Faber-Castell Tri Junior Colour Pencils Assorted	Box10	Y	1
Muru Stubby Recycled Highlighter Yellow	Each	Y	2
COS Student Magn D/Sided WB 210 x 300mm White	Each	Y	1
Kleenex Aloe Vera Facial Tissue 95S White	Each	Y	1
Chair Bag, light blue	Each	Y	1

Total Cost (inc. GST) if ordered through COS - \$130.81



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 Password: **BTS2026-Parents**



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Newtown Primary 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 to deliver the Curriculum. **These are provided on a user-pays basis.**

These activities, referred to as extra-curricular items and activities, for our students are as follows, but not limited to:

- Extracurricular interschool sporting events
- Excursions and incursions that enhance and celebrate the curriculum studied in the classroom environment
- Extracurricular camps and/or camp experiences
- Other extracurricular activities and excursions that will be scheduled throughout the year

Activity costings are calculated for each extra-curricular activity prior to the activity taking place.

Parents will be notified of exact costs of extra-curricular activities prior to the activity and will be asked to provide permission and payment.

All extra-curricular activities will be clearly communicated to families with any associated permissions / costs payable required in order for their child to participate in the activity.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Newtown 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 School Relief and other support agencies
- Flexible Payment Options

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Business Manager, Alison Giuricin by phone on 03 52299730 or by emailing newtown.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PAYMENT METHODS

Preferred: Online via COS Portal* - <https://parent.cos.net.au/>

* Online pack orders/payment close: **6th January 2026**

* Visa, Master Card, PayPal and American Express accepted.

* Or opt to use PayPal / 'Pay in 4' ('Pay in 4' will split the total cost over 4 fortnightly payments, interest free)

BPay;

- Biller Code: 87361
- Your unique BPay reference number does not change from year to year.
If you do not know your unique BPay reference number, please contact the school office on 5229 9730 to receive your reference number.

Cash, EFTPOS or credit card payment through the school office

REFUNDS

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will not be offered for Voluntary Payments made to the school. Refunds on extra-curricular item and activities 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.

Full details can be found in our Refunds Policy, which can be found on our website www.newtownps.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school office.

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.

Educational Items & Resources

Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, consumables, 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.