



12 December 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Macarthur Street Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Macarthur Street Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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. 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 this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, physical education equipment, ICT Devices for the classroom and extra classroom resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths. Our reading and numeracy materials are very extensive, and we are constantly adding new material for teachers to use to support personalised and quality learning. Other programs which we can offer because of your contributions include Cooking, Breakfast Club and Junior School Council. We are also able to subsidise our swimming program and our celebration days such as Grade 6 Graduation Evening, Community Events and our Learning Celebration afternoons. All these programs run alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs are imperative to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

In 2024 we will be obtaining our stationery packs from KaKa Kids School Supplies, payment is made to the school before the end of the year and the school will order your child's book pack. Individually named stationery packs will be delivered to your child's classroom before the start of the 2024 school year. All stationery items are carefully selected by the teachers for their suitability for your child's use during their year of studies. Each student is provided with the same stationery pack, so all students have the same stationery items. This method is more equitable and easier for parents/carers.

Attached is the cost of each year level book pack. If there are any concerns, please speak with BJ or Mr Cross.

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

Yours sincerely

Anthony Cross
Principal

BJ Overstead
Business Manager

STUDENT NAME: _____**2024 PARENT/CARER PAYMENTS**

All payments can be made via QKR! app, cash to the office or BPAY.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	Please tick if you wish to use existing credit from your family account
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Consumables (\$15.00) Art – paint, crayons, coloured paper, pens (\$10.00) Cooking consumables – including flour, sugar, eggs, meat, fruit & vegetables(\$15.00) Printing & photocopying of worksheets & learning materials (\$5) 	\$45	
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	Please tick if you wish to use existing credit from your family account
School Sports Victoria membership (\$5)	\$5	
Library Fund (to help purchase Library Books) \$10 or please nominate amount	\$10	
School Assistance Fund (\$10 or please nominate an amount) This fund is to provide Essential Education Items or Optional Items for families at our school unable to purchase these items due to demonstrated financial hardship	\$10	
Outdoor Learning Areas (\$10 or please nominate an amount)	\$10	
Total Amount Paying		

2024 School Book List Packs**Educational items (Book List Packs) for students to own:**

In 2024 we will be obtaining our student stationery packs from KaKa Kids.

Payment is required to school by 19/12/2023. Individually named stationery packs will be delivered to your child's classroom before the start of the 2024 school year.

Foundation (Prep)	\$93.74
Grade 1	\$78.68
Grade 2	\$69.61
Grade 3	\$56.83
Grade 4	\$55.88
Grade 5	\$56.55
Grade 6	\$56.55

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Macarthur Street 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.

	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Grade 3-6 Camp to Log Cabin in Creswick - (depending on numbers, this may alter)	\$340.00	
Grade 6 Hoodie for 2024 (ordered and paid for in Term 4 - 2023)	\$60.00	
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (payable Term 4 - 2024)	\$35.00 approx	
Grade 5-6 Sovereign Hill Costume School (payable in 2024)	\$75.00 approx	
Foundation Late Night Stay (payable and held in Term 4 - 2024)	\$10.00	
Foundation – Grade 6 Swimming Program (payable in Term 2 - 2024) 5-day intensive program. The swimming program has a focus on water awareness & water safety. All children are expected to attend as part of our Health & PE Curriculum.	\$50.00 approx	
Other school incursions and excursions to be scheduled in 2024 (payable as each excursion permission slip is sent home in 2024)	\$100.00 approx	

Financial Support for Families:

Macarthur Street Primary School understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- **Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)** is available for eligible families with a pension or healthcare card. Application forms will be available from the Office at the start of the school year. You must apply at the start of each new school year for the CSEF payment.

- **Centrepay** instalments are available for families who receive Centrelink benefits to assist with Parent Contributions. Please contact the office if you would like further information about Centrepay. Application forms are available at the office.

Alternately you can contact Centrepay on 1800 044 063 or online at:

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/centrepay>.

The school's Centrepay reference number is 555 116 973L

- Access to State School's Relief for school uniforms.

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

Ph: 03 5332 4746 | Email: macarthur.street.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- **QKR!** (easy to use payment app available to download on any mobile device or website payment alternative for parents and carers without a smartphone or tablet)
- **BPAY** – your individual reference number is on your Family Statement – or please contact the School
- **Centrepay** – available to families who receive a Centrelink benefit
- **Cash**

Refunds

Parent/carer 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.

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
TOTAL:	

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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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.