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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 2023.

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.

2023 we will be obtaining our stationery packs from KaKa Kids School Supplies all purchases are made via their online system. Please find attached a list of items that the school recommends for each individual student, with instructions on how to order online. Items can be purchased online from KaKa Kids School Supplies for your child to own and use. Individually named stationery packs will be delivered to your child's classroom before the start of the 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, making this method more equitable and easier for parents.

The school administration and School Council work very hard to provide parents with access to high quality, reasonably priced stationery. We aim for all families to purchase the stationery packs online with KaKa Kids School Supplies. *Parents who do not wish to do so must consult the school about appropriate materials.*

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

Yours sincerely

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Anthony Cross
Principal

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BJ Overstead
Business Manager

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"> • Art – paint, crayons, coloured paper, pens (\$10) • Cooking consumables – including flour, sugar, eggs, meat, fruit & vegetables(\$10) • Printing & photocopying of worksheets & learning materials (\$5) 	\$25	
Online Subscriptions		
• Grades 2 to 6 – Mathletics	\$17	
• All Grades - Reading Eggs	\$15	
• Foundation – Gr 1 – Mathseeds	\$22	
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	
Sensory Garden Project (\$10 or please nominate an amount)	\$10	
Outdoor Learning Areas (\$10 or please nominate an amount)	\$10	
Total Amount		

Educational items (Stationery pack) for students to own

Attached is a list of items and instructions that the school recommends you purchase online from **KaKa Kids School Supplies** for your child to individually own and use.

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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Grade 6 Jumper for 2023 (ordered and paid for in Term 4)	\$55.00	
Grade 6 Short sleeve polo for 2023 (ordered and paid for in Term 4)	\$30.00	
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (payable Term 4, 2022)	\$30.00	
Grade 5-6 Sovereign Hill Costume School	\$72.00	
Foundation Dinner (held in November 2023)	\$10.00	
Grade 1 – 3 Sleepover	\$15.00	
Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled	\$125.00 approx	
Grade Prep – 6 Swimming The swimming program has a focus on water awareness & water safety. All children are expected to attend as part of our Health & PE Curriculum.	\$95.00	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families committee

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

- The **Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)** is available for eligible families. Application forms will be available from the Office at the start of the school year. Parents who currently receive the CSEF and who remain eligible will automatically have their 2023 application processed.
- Access to **State School's Relief** for school uniforms & stationery.
- **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

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

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Total

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

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 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.

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.