



# Macarthur Street Primary School

## Parent Payment Charges 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Macarthur Street Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Attached is a list of fees and charges for 2021. In today's environment we rely on parent contributions to supplement what is provided by the government to provide the level of education you expect for your children. As always, we endeavour to keep costs to a minimum and appreciate the strong financial support provided by our school community.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) provides funding to schools for the standard curriculum programs and associated education items, equipment and operational costs. However items that are for the exclusive use of students whilst completing their educational course (eg. personal stationery items, classroom project materials etc.) are designated 'essential education items' and students require all of these items to cover a year of learning.

### Student Stationery Packs for 2021

Macarthur Street Primary School Council has engaged Winc Australia to supply individual book packs for each student in their year level. The pack includes pens, pencils, textas, stationery and exercise books. The school is able to provide these items GST free, allowing a bulk ordering system at discounted prices. Each student is provided with the same stationery pack, making this method more equitable and easier for parents. All items are carefully selected by the teachers for their suitability for your child's use during their year of studies. We aim for all families to purchase the stationery packs through the school. Parents who do not wish to do so must consult the school about appropriate materials.

### Payment Methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Macarthur Street Primary School. All Parent Payment Charges are itemised on Qkr! and included with this letter. We offer a variety of payment methods to assist our families:

- 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
- Centrepay – available to families who receive a Centrelink benefit
- Cash

### Financial Support for Families

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 2021 application processed.
- Access to **State School's Relief** for school uniforms
- **Centrepay** instalments are available for families who receive Centrelink benefits to assist with Parent Payments. Please contact the office if you would like further information about Centrepay. Centrepay is an easy and affordable way to pay off your fees throughout the year. 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 schools 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, please contact Andy Backwell, Principal or Jenny Plews, Business Manager, on 5332 4746 or [macarthur.street.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:macarthur.street.ps@education.vic.gov.au). Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

## Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

Please find the fee schedules for attached. Please complete the form and return it to the school by **10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. Payment can be made at any time with the **final day for payment being 12th February 2021**.

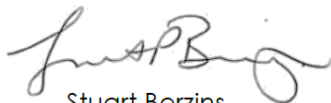
If you have any questions relating to 2021 Parent Payments, Centrepay or CSEF please contact Jenny Plews in the Office on 5332 4746.

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

Yours sincerely,



Andy Backwell  
Principal



Stuart Berzins  
School Council President

# FEE SCHEDULE 2021

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 YEAR LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this page with your Payment

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Macarthur Street Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

## **IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021**

Please complete this form and return no later than **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

*Payment plans are available. Please contact the Office to make arrangements by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. **Payment is required by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

Essential Student Learning Items		Amount	Paid	
Student Stationery Pack	Classroom & Art See itemised list attached	Foundation	\$136	
		Grade 1	\$113	
		Grade 2	\$92	
		Grade 3	\$91	
		Grade 4	\$87	
		Grade 5 Mrs Osman	\$65	
		Grade 5 Mr Goodson	\$75	
		Grade 6	\$64	
On Line Learning Subscriptions	Mathletics	Grades 2 to 6	\$15	
	Reading Eggs	All Grades	\$14	
	Mathseeds	Foundation-Gr 1	\$22	
Consumables for Cooking	Includes flour, sugar, eggs, bread, cheese, fruit & vegetables, meat etc	\$10.00		
Excursion Pre Payment	The Excursion Pre Payment will cover the cost of most excursions and incursions organised as part of the classroom program and will cover most events (excluding camps) leading up to the end of the year. When the \$125 is expended families will be charged per excursion after this time.  Please note - Families may choose not to pay this pre-payment and pay for each excursion when the permission notes are sent out.	\$125 per student  Or  Pay as you go		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	

## Optional Items

Macarthur Street Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Items	Approximate Amount
Grade 6 Jumper for 2022 (ordered and paid for in Term 4)	\$50
Grade 6 Short sleeve polo for 2022 (ordered and paid for in Term 4)	\$27.50
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (payable Term 4 2021)	\$25
Grade 4-6 Camp (Cave Hill Creek Term 1 2021)	\$220 TBC
Foundation Dinner (held in November 2021)	\$10
Grade 1 – 3 Sleepover	\$15

## Voluntary Contributions

Macarthur Street Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Amount
<b>Library Fund</b> (to help purchase Library Books)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <b>or</b> Please nominate amount \$_____
<b>School Assistance Fund</b> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <b>or</b> Please nominate amount \$_____
<b>Sensory Garden Project.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <b>or</b> Please nominate amount \$_____
<b>Outdoor Learning Area</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <b>or</b> Please nominate amount \$_____

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

## Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Items Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary Contribution Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I WISH TO PAY USING THE FOLLOWING METHOD:** (Please tick ✓)






CASH

CENTREPAY

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY THURSDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2020.  
PAYMENT MUST BE FINALISED BY FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2021.**