

Foundation – 2024 Parent Payment

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

At Maramba we are committed to providing all students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Our environment and the resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/carer voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. The ongoing support of our families ensures that at Maramba we are able to continue to grow, innovate and strengthen our practice and facilities by offering the very best possible care, support, wellbeing, and education, for all of our students and families.

Your contribution in 2023 supported us in:

- contributing to paying for our 1:1 student laptop in Year 3 – 6 and 1:2 in Year 2
- providing high quality programs and resources for classroom and specialist programs
- providing consumable resources for our STEAM and Kitchen Garden program
- maintaining and developing the school grounds
- contributing to our Little Learners Love Literacy program
- providing individual student supplies and class bulk supplies

The Department of Education does **NOT** allocate additional funds to our school for the purchase of stationery, classroom, and specialist consumable materials. We supplement the parent voluntary contributions with the funds we receive for our student programs from the Department of Education.

The average cost for the purchase of stationery, classroom, and specialist consumable materials is approximately \$70,000 a year. To put this into perspective this is equivalent to having each year:

- a new playground or
- 100 new student laptops or
- one extra teacher or
- 2 Educational Support staff and so on...

This is why voluntary contributions families make are greatly appreciated and have a significant benefit to the joy and learning of all our students.

As a small community school, we want to thank you for all your continued support, whether a financial contribution, fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes a significant difference to the teaching and learning programs we are able to provide and is invaluable to our students, our school and community.

On behalf of our students and staff we thank you for your contribution.

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

Yours sincerely,

Darren Wallace
Principal

Scott Pestana
School Council President



Foundation Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Stationery Supplies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk individual delivered directly to the classroom (\$84) • Classroom stationery (\$13) 	\$97.00
<p><i>Consumables, materials and equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Art - purchase of art supplies and resources (\$10) • STEAM/Kitchen & Garden - science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics materials to support critical thinking, problem solving and creativity (\$10) • LOTE - materials to support Indonesian program (\$5) • Mathematics - classroom maths equipment (\$5) • English - book boxes, literacy resources - Little Learners, take home readers (\$5) • Sport - replacement of sporting equipment (\$5) • Music - maintenance and repair of musical instruments (\$5) • Classroom Consumables (\$5) 	\$50.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20.00
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <p>Essential Assessment Literacy and Numeracy Subscription</p>	\$16.00
<p><i>Information and Communications Technology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply of Laptops, iPads and software to enhance our ICT program. 	\$40.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$223.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>Student Wellbeing programs and Chaplaincy</i></p> <p>We support individual student wellbeing; this includes the engagement of external professionals on a needs basis. Your contribution supports us in developing our knowledge of the many different student needs and the best approach to assist them and their families.</p>	\$5.00
<p><i>First aid</i></p> <p>The school provides first aid consumables to treat students and to meet student health needs when at school, on excursion and camp.</p>	\$7.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements to keep the school looking its best</i>	\$30.00
<i>Parent Communication Tools (XUNO & QKR)</i>	\$20.00
<i>Sporting Victoria</i>	\$2.00
Total Other Contributions	\$64.00
Total Amount (Curriculum Contributions + Other Contributions)	\$287.00



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Maramba 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)
Optional Year 3/4 school camp – to be confirmed	\$TBA	To be paid on QKR
Optional Year 5/6 school camp	\$TBA	To be paid on QKR
Optional Year 3- 6 Sports program	\$TBA	To be paid on QKR
Foundation to Year 6 excursions to be scheduled	\$TBA	To be paid on QKR
Foundation to Year 6 swimming program	\$TBA	To be paid on QKR
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

Maramba Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- *the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund*
- *individual payment plans*
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*

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

Ghylene Sweeney Ph: 03 **9796 7150** | Email: maramba.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Category – Please contact Ghylene Sweeney if you wish to individualise the contributions

Curriculum Contributions

Payment methods

All parent payments and contributions are to be made via the QKR app. Please see the administration staff if you require assistance in registering with QKR.

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.



Relationships



Respect



Resilience



Responsibility

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) 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.