

16th October 2023

PARENT PAYMENTS 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Moorabbin Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the 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 positive difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/carers voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2024 allowed us to:

- provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Inquiry, Language and PE
- maintain and develop the school grounds
- ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities
- maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills
- provide hands on maths equipment i.e. measuring materials for teaching purposes
- facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions
- deliver a range of sporting equipment
- arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies
- offer effective first aid for all students

A Successful School, is a place which everyone wants to be a part of - the parents, guardians, teachers and students. A wonderful environment where everyone feels safe, they can learn and make friends and for students, they can prepare for the next step into Secondary School.

A successful school has a principal and leadership and teaching group who care, parents/guardians who are involved and engage students who are ready to learn.

Did you know that many parents/guardians request for their children to join Moorabbin Primary because it has a wonderful reputation with the MSL and other programs. And, because the school is approaching capacity, where children are outside the local area boundaries, our Principal makes decisions around admittance.

A successful public school is a school which receives the funding from parents/guardians to pay for the following "optional" programs:

- Laptops & learning tools
- Library books...
- Clean well maintained buildings and grounds
- School camps & teachers overtime
- Proper heating and cooling
- Relief teachers to cover regular teacher absences from illness, injury, pregnancy
- Specialist programs to assist students to advance their learning
- I see I care programs

- Tutors x 3
- A school based Psychologist and speech therapist
- Year 5/6 leadership program
- Science and Music as a standalone subjectsand so many more programs
- Resources for all lunchtime clubs

These items are paid for by the parents/guardians (about half) and the Department of Education) funds, the other half. The Department of Education, which is funded by our taxes, also pays for the teacher's ordinary salaries. If parents and guardians do not choose to make the modest voluntary school contributions, some of the above programs may have to be cut back or abandoned.

In 2022 62% of parents/guardians are contributing the voluntary school fees. Some schools are achieving 95% and unfortunately some schools are only 20% contributions. Schools with low voluntary contributions run minimal programs and thus parents who can choose, send their children to alternate schools.

- The easiest by far is to pay your school contributions if you can;
- Did you know that you can pay voluntary contributions anytime during the year. If you were unable to pay "on time" or you have forgotten to pay, you can pay anytime during the year, in part, in full or over a few payments
- If you use QKR you can check to see if you have made payment or please contact the office for alternative payment arrangements
- Donations to the "Building Fund" are fully tax deductible, the school will provide a receipt which can be provided to the ATO and you can claim against your income tax. A figure is suggested however, you can contribute as much or as little as you like.

The potential for significant impact

It must be said that if parents/carers choose not to contribute in 2024 and beyond, it will have significant impact on the programs we can offer our students as we strive for continual improvement and breadth of experience.

Understanding how MPS goes above and beyond the Standard Curriculum

Below are just some of the ways that we utilise parent curriculum contributions in order to provide an enriched educational experience which is considered above the 'standard' curriculum:

- Specialist Teachers for LOTE, Art, PE, Science and Music
- Intervention and Extension Teachers. The standard curriculum does not provide additional teachers for intervention and extension for students.
- Additional Assistance/Mentoring and Coaching, Numeracy and Literacy specialist leadership
- In recent years, we have employed Learning Specialists in the curriculum areas of Additional Assistance, Numeracy and Literacy.
- Psychologist and speech therapist on site – not funded by the Department
- MSL specialists on site – not funded by the Department
- Leadership coaches – not funded by the Department

Enclosed are the following:

- Stationery details form from our stationery supplier Ka-Ka Kids. Stationery is to be ordered online directly through Ka-Ka Kids – full details are all on the form provided;
- Curriculum contribution details;
- For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please link below- <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

STATIONERY (Educational items for students to own)

Upon ordering of stationery directly through Ka-Ka Kids the supplier will deliver all student stationery directly to each classroom and then teachers will distribute these to students on the first school day in 2023. Orders for stationery are due by **Friday 1st December 2023**.

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Costs of materials including, cooking ingredients, online subscriptions to learning activities and art supplies used in the classroom, expendable materials used for science and technology and all other specialist classes.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS -FOR NON-CURRICULUM ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Moorabbin Primary School Council is extremely appreciative of the generosity of parents who are able to support the school through the payment of the Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions will be specifically targeted at provision of Information Communication and Technology resources, reading materials, grounds development, physical education equipment and library purchases.

Payments can be made via the QKR app or at the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Noxia Angelides
Principal

Brent Jones
School Council President

PARENT PAYMENTS

FOUNDATION TO YEAR 6 - 2024

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		COST
These items or services are essential to support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program. Costs of materials including printed materials, cooking ingredients, online subscriptions to learning activities and art supplies used in the classroom, expendable materials used for science and technology and all other specialist and generalist classes. <i>See attached for full breakdown.</i>	Suggested	\$330
EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN		
Attached is a stationery list which guides you on the everyday items that your child will use in the classroom. Stationery is to be ordered directly through Ka-Ka Kids. See form attached explaining full details. Stationery orders are due by Friday 1st December. <i>All stationery orders will be delivered directly to the school.</i>		See attached sheet with full details
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES		
These are activities or services that are offered in addition to the standard curriculum program. These are provided on a user-pays basis so that if parents choose to access them for students, they are required to pay for them. These include Senior Sport, all incursions and excursions and our Swimming Program.		As per activity to be charged in 2024
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS – NON CURRICULUM ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES		
<p>1. Voluntary Contribution Voluntary Contributions will be specifically targeted at provision of Information Communication and Technology resources, digital devices, reading materials, grounds development, physical education equipment and library purchases.</p> <p>2. Building Fund Donation (Tax deductible) Donations to the Building Fund will help with expenses on capital improvements and maintenance, as well as maintaining and installing fixtures, working bees</p>	<p>Suggested</p> <p>Suggested</p>	<p>\$130</p> <p>\$100</p>

To support families with their planning, below is a proposed schedule:

- OPTION 1** Payment in full by Friday 1st December 2023
- OPTION 2** Payment in full by Monday 29th January 2024
- OPTION 3** Three instalments, proposed as follows:
 - Instalment 1 - Friday 1st December 2023
 - Instalment 2 - Monday 29th January 2024
 - Instalment 3 - Monday 4th March 2024

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - 2024

Sustainability consumables	\$30
• Seeds pots, plants, twine, compost, cooking ingredients	
Art consumables	\$35
• cardboard, glue, canvas 'sticky tape, clay, textas, crayons	
Music consumables	\$15
• Paper, cardboard, glue, canvas', sticky tape	
English consumables	\$40
• Decodables, class sets, readers, take home readers display books, headphones, plastic tubs, MSL packs, Reading eggs subscription	
Maths consumables	\$30
• Maths manipulatives, sumdog subscription	
LOTE consumables	\$20
• ink for calligraphy, dumplings ingredients, language nut subscription, papers, drawing materials	
Science consumables	\$40
• Paper, coding robots, seeds, soil, stockings, disposable cups, cooking ingredients, straws, twine, class sets	
Classroom supplies consumables	\$60
<i>includes also PE and digital technologies</i>	
• Paper, markers, pouches, mini whiteboards, USB's, pencils, grips, sticky tape, blu tac, construction materials, ribbons, awards, badges	
Online Subscriptions	
• Xuno	\$10
• Essential Assessment	\$15
• PatTesting	\$20
• Language nut	\$10
• TT Rockstars	\$5
Total	\$330

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, State School's Relief

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

Ph: 03 9555 1101 Email: moorabbin.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.