



MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we settle into the new school year, I want to take a moment to genuinely thank our families for the many ways you support Macedon Primary School.

Our community helps so much — whether that is through time, fundraising, helping at events, supporting programs, or making financial contributions. That support has a real impact, and it helps us create a school experience for our students that is rich, engaging and full of opportunity.

As a Victorian government school, we provide students with free instruction to fulfil the requirements of the Victorian Curriculum. Schools invite families to make voluntary financial contributions to support programs, resources and facilities that enhance student learning and experiences. All parent contributions are voluntary.

In 2025, we received voluntary contributions from approximately 55% of families. We are sincerely grateful to every family who contributed. At the same time, this did affect the type of programs and opportunities we were able to run across the school.

At Macedon Primary School, Curriculum Contributions go directly to classrooms and specialist programs. They help provide the resources, materials and learning experiences that support high-quality teaching and learning for our students. We want to offer the best program possible for every child, and your contributions really do help us provide memorable educational experiences.

We saw this clearly in 2025 through the generosity of our families. Contributions to our Library Fund allowed us to purchase new furniture and books for the library, helping us create a more welcoming and well-resourced space for students. Contributions to our Technology Fund allowed us to purchase podcasting equipment, giving students exciting new opportunities to create, communicate and share their learning.

These are the kinds of opportunities that make a big difference to students. Your generous contributions help make our students' learning experiences so much better, and I want to sincerely thank every family who is able to support the school in this way. If you would like to help by making a contribution, please login to Compass and click on the Payment Centre.

We also understand that every family's circumstances are different, and we deeply value all forms of support across our school community. If making a contribution is not possible for your family, we completely understand. If you would like to discuss support options confidentially, please contact the school office.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of Macedon Primary School. It is a privilege to work in such a generous and connected community, and I appreciate all that you do to support our students and staff.

Warm regards,

Andrew Bloomfield
Principal



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading • Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, text books, stationery, maths kits • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers, • Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials • Language – various stationery • Library – books, subscriptions • Outdoor Education – consumables, plants, materials 	\$193
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment Literacy & Numeracy • Seesaw • Skodel 	\$38
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$19
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$250
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
<i>Buildings & Grounds (including Middle Gully Reserve)</i> \$50 or \$100 or Other	\$ _____
<i>Library</i> \$50 or \$100 or Other	\$ _____
<i>Technology</i> \$50 or \$100 or Other	\$ _____

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Macedon 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
<i>Optional year level school camp (approx. cost: Yr1/2 \$225, Yr3/4 \$350, Yr5/6 \$450)</i>	TBC
<i>Optional year level excursions & incursions to be scheduled (approx. cost: \$5-\$45 per event)</i>	TBC
<i>Optional Interschool sports, cross country, athletics, swimming, orienteering (approx. cost: \$5-\$20 per event)</i>	TBC



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Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) (for relevant concession card holders)
- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate
- payment by instalments

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Business Manager, Julie Stein-Reeves

Ph: 03 5426 1518 | Email: Julie.stein-reeves@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Macedon Primary School. Payment can be made electronically via Compass and BPay. Please note your family's unique BPay Reference is noted on the attached invoice. Alternatively, cash or EFTPOS payments can be made directly at the office.

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. Consideration of refunds will only occur on written request.

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) including the VCE Vocational Major 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.



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Parent Payments - Family Invoice - 2026

Children:

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Family Payments (please indicate amount/s to be paid):

Curriculum Contributions (\$250 per student) Amount \$.....

Other Contributions (Donations) (Please circle or fill in your preference)

Buildings & Grounds & Middle Gully Reserve	\$25	\$50	Other: \$.....
Library	\$25	\$50	Other: \$.....
Technology	\$25	\$50	Other: \$.....

Payment Arrangements (please indicate your preferred method of payment):

		Please indicate below
Option A	Full amount paid term 1	
Option B	Payment each term (paid terms 1, 2 & 3)	
Option C	Other payment arrangements (If selecting this option please make contact with the office to discuss)	

Payment Details				Please indicate below
Compass	EFTPOS	BPay	MPS Biller Code: 87361 BPay Reference: Contact Office for unique Family Code	Receipt Number (if paying in full)