

Marong Primary School No 400



Parent Financial Contributions 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Marong Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and we would like to advise you of *Marong Primary School's* voluntary financial contributions for 2025

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 in 2024 and of course over the many years prior. Whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time or in other ways that you have contributed to the ongoing improvement of our school it has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to *provide such things as:*

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, STEM, Art, Music, Inquiry, LOTE and PE;
- 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 and access to the Community Bank Stadium;
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies;
- Maintain and develop the school grounds;
- Offer effective First Aid for all students.

On the following Page you will see a break down of the voluntary fees we are seeking from parents as support for the many quality programs and resources we will be providing for our students in 2025.

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

Yours sincerely,

Russell Jeffrey

Principal Marong Primary School

Chris Lakey

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount Prep- 2	Amount Grades 3-6
<p><i>[Use the listed items as examples only and either delete or replace with items relevant to your individual school context and identified needs]</i></p> <p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment as exemplified by , but not limited to the items below.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom supplies, pens, pencils, pencil cases, glue sticks, rulers etc. \$35 Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper \$10 Exercise books, printing and photocopying \$15.00 Mathematics – calculators, measuring equipment, counters etc. \$5.00 English: Book Boxes \$5.00 Sports – equipment \$10 	\$80.00	\$80.00
Year P-6 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets Access to On-line Educational programs : Eg: Reading Eggs	\$20.00	\$40.00
Year P-6 Classroom Reading Resources: Including fictional books, Factual books, decodable readers, levelled readers.	\$20.00	\$20.00
Year P-6 Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics carnival - entry and transport 	\$10.00	\$10.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	
Student wellbeing programs	\$10.00	\$10.00
First aid equipment	\$5.00	\$5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$5.00	\$5.00
Tax deductible contributions [delete this section if your school does not have a tax-deductible fund]		
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total Amount	\$175.00	\$195.00

Educational items for students to own

The school recommends you purchase the items below from an educational supplier for your child to individually own and use.

Essential Maths

Dictionary

Grammar Made Easy

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Marong 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.

Incursion: \$15 (Performing artists etc)

Major Excursion: \$25

Grade 5/6 Camp: \$320

Grade 3/4 Camp \$300

Grade 2 Camp \$180

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- School Savings Bonus

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

The principal Russell Jeffrey Ph: 03 54352288 or Email: marong.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Items	Prep - 2	Grade 3-6
Curriculum Contributions		\$130	\$150
Other Contributions		\$20	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Camps and Excursions Gr 5/6		\$360
	Camps and Excursions Gr 3/4		\$340
	Camps and Excursions Gr 2	\$220	
	Incursions and Excursions Prep/1	\$40	

Payment methods: Payments can be made via online banking:

Marong Primary School Council

BSB: 063-506

Account No: 1011 3192

QKR: Parents can also make payments for school based items via the **QKR** app. Contact our office for assistance with setting up and using **QKR** on your mobile device.

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.

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.