

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Within our school this support has allowed us to support programs, provide classroom resources, student wellbeing along with upgrades of classroom technology and maintenance of our buildings and grounds. This is for the benefit and enjoyment of your, and other children within our school.

Please find the voluntary contribution for Prep-2 attached. The school makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased at a minimum.

Following on from last year’s School Council Meeting, it was moved that the school fees remain the same as 2023 with no increase.

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

Yours sincerely,

Richard Wallis

Acting Principal,

Maroona PS

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| **Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
| *Classroom consumables, materials & equipment** *Art/craft – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper ($40)*
* *Integrated Studies-glue stick, scrap books X 2m exercise book, writing pencils and paper, coloured pencils, eraser, ruler, plastic pockets, marking pencil, documents wallets X 4($30.00)*
* *Resilience Diary ($ 10 )*
* *Maths – book ($25)*
* *Cooking – flour, sugar, butter, oil, milk, eggs, chocolate, sprinkles etc- not lunches ($10)*
 | $ 115 |
|  *Online Subscriptions** *Maths 300 ($6.70)*
* *Reading Eggs ($28.40)*
* *Sunshine Online ($18)*
* *Essential Learning ($16.90*
 | $ 70 |
| *Year 6 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials* | $ 10 |
| *Whole school events** *Black Ranges subscription ( $ 5)*
* *Incidental travel- Excursions, monster walks, swimming, sport ( $30)*
* *Mother’s/Father’s Day activities ( $20)*
* *Group Day activities ( $15)*
 | $35 |
| *Total Amount* | $ 230 |
| **Other Contributions -** for non-curriculum items and activities | **Amount** |
| *School grounds maintenance and improvements* | $ 50 |
| **Total Amount** | **$ 50** |

**Educational items for students to own**

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Maroona Primary Schooloffers 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.

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| **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** | **Amount** | **Purchase** **(Please tick)** |
| School camp | TBA |  |
| Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled  | TBA |  |
| **Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities** | **$ TBA** |

### Financial Support for Families

Maroona Primary Schoolunderstands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

* the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
* Welfare Agencies
* Arrangements with the school

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

Richard Wallis

Ph: 03 53547622 | Email: Richard.wallis@education.vic.gov.au

**Total**

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| **Category** |  |
| Curriculum Contributions | $ 230 |
| Other Contributions | $ 50 |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | $ TBA |

### Payment methods

Payments can be made by the following methods:

* In person at the school (presently only cash or cheque are accepted.)
* Via Direct Deposit into the school’s bank account **BSB: 633108 A/No: 131294621** (please include your name and details as reference)

### Refunds

### Maroona Primary School

### 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**

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|  | 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.
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|  | PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTSSchools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

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| Curriculum ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. | Other ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school’s functions and objectives. | Extra-Curricular Items and ActivitiesItems 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).
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|  | 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.
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|  | 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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  **TOTAL $ 30.00**

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| 2023 P-2 Student pack |
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| Description | Qty |
| Glue stick | 1 |
| Scrap Books | 2 |
| Exercise book | 1 |
| Dotted thirds Writing paper | 1 |
| Staedtler Pack of coloured pencils | 1 |
| Eraser | 1 |
| Wooden Ruler | 1 |
| Plastic pockets |  |
| Faber-Castell writing pencil-triangular |  1 |
| Staedtler HB Pencil | 1 |
| Red Marking pencil | 1 |
| Marbig Document Wallet | 4 |
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