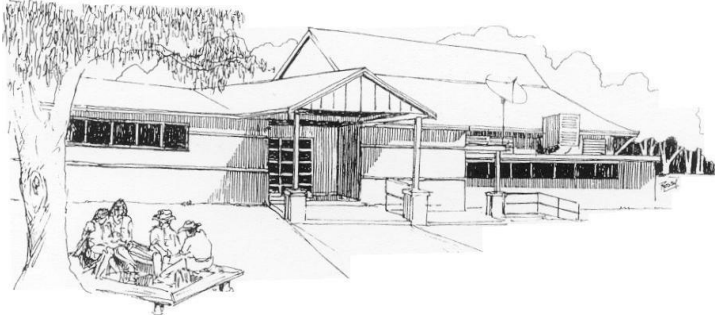


# MERRIGUM PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Small school, Big voice—Growing for the Future*



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28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

*Merrigum Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Merrigum Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.*

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. *We are informing you that this year we are not expecting parents to contribute any financial contribution's towards their child/ren's schooling for the year.*

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

Yours sincerely,

TONY SHANNON

Principal

DARREN VINEY

School Council President

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### Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items the school has provided for your student in the classroom.

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$10.00)</li><li>• Exercise books/scrap books/pencils, crayons, pens etc. (\$30.00)</li><li>• English – book boxes (\$5.00)</li><li>• Cooking ingredients etc. (\$10.00)</li></ul>	\$ 0
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$ 0
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Athletics sport day- entry and transport (\$20.00)</li><li>• Visiting Performances/Local Excursions (one per term) (\$30.00)</li><li>• Life Education Van Visit (\$20.00)</li></ul>	\$ 0
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$ 0
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

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### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Merrigum 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 Years 2 &amp; 3 school camp</i>	TBA	
<i>Optional Years 4 to 6 school camp</i>	TBA	
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Tony Shannon or Kim Newman

Ph: 03 5855 2275 | Email: [merrigum.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:merrigum.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 0
Other Contributions	\$ 0
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

### Payment methods

Direct Credit into School Bank Account:

BSB: 063 516

Account No.: 00902068

Or Cash or Cheque at School Office.

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# 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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