



ARARAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ararat Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 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.

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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Each year our parents show positive support for the school through parent payments and fundraising efforts. This support has led to considerable improvements being carried out, especially in the areas of computer technology, numeracy and literacy, and through the provision of outstanding resources.

This support has also allowed us to run our annual Grade 5/6 Production, develop our fantastic garden for the Kitchen Garden Program and revitalise our outdoor play spaces.

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

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Reeve – Acting Principal

Kara Bartlett – School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$5) • Science – chemicals (\$5) • Mathematics – numeracy blocks (\$5) • English – book boxes (\$5) • Sports – equipment (\$5) 	\$25.00
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Eggs (\$15) 	\$15.00
ICT devices – class iPad sets	\$20.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival (\$5) • Swimming carnival (\$5) 	\$10.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$80.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$5.00
Student wellbeing programs	\$20.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$25.00
Total Other Contributions	\$50.00



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Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items for you to purchase for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Ararat Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Financial Support for Families

Ararat 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 Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Principal - Oliver Reeve/Wellbeing Coordinator - TBA

Ph: 03 5352 1253 | Email: oliver.reeve@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

BPAY, Direct Deposit/Bank Transfer

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 Payments 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) 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.

2023 STUDENT BOOK LIST

			Grade 5/6
Prep			2 Black Fineliner Pens
1	Blue A4 Refill Display Folder	1	Scissors
2	40g Glue Sticks	4	2B Lead Pencils
1	12 Coloured Pencils	1	Tri-Grip Coloured Pencils
1	10 pack Textas	4	Red pens
3	48pg Exercise Books 25mm Ruled	4	Blue pens
1	A4 24mm Dotted Thirds Exercise Book	4	Green Pens
2	Black Fineliner Pens	1	Yellow Highlighter
4	Tri-Grip Grey Lead Pencils	1	Pink Highlighter
1	Clipboard	1	Blue highlighter
1	Over the Ear Headphone Set	1	Green Highlighter
1	Art Smock (Can be old shirt etc)	2	3mm Black Whiteboard markers
1	64pg Jungle Scrapbook Jungle Blank	2	2-hole plastic sharpener
		2	Erasers
		2	40g Glue sticks
Grade 1/2		1	30cm Clear plastic ruler (Not flexible)
4	64pg Jungle Scrapbooks Blank	1	set of earphones/headphones
2	48pg Exercise Books 18mm Dotted Thirds	2	A4 refillable plastic display books
4	40g Glue Sticks	1	A5 Spiral Notebook
1	Triangular Coloured Pencils 12 pk	7	A4 9mm Dotted Thirds 64pg
1	Triangular Coloured Markers 1.0mm 10 pk	2	A4 10mm Grid books 96pg
1	Name Pencil Case 225mm x 140mm	1	Art Smock (Can be old shirt etc)
1	Eraser	1	A3 Visual Art Diary
1	Art Smock (Can be old shirt etc)	1	64pg Jungle Scrapbook Jungle Blank
Grade 3/4			
8	HB tri-grip Grey Lead Pencils		
4	Red Ballpoint Pens		
1	4 pack Whiteboard Markers		
3	64pg Tudor Scrapbooks		
2	Erasers		
1	2-hole Pencil Sharpener		
1	30cm Clear Plastic Ruler		
1	A4 Display Book		
2	96pg A4 Grid Books 10mm square		
9	64pg A4 14mm Dotted Third exercise book		
2	Black Fineliner Pens		
1	Coloured Pencils 12 pack		
1	Coloured Textas 12 pack		
1	4 pack Highlighters		
1	A5 Exercise Book		
4	40g Glue Sticks		
1	Scissors		
1	Headphones/earbuds		
1	Art Smock (Can be old shirt etc)		
1	A3 Visual Art Diary		
1	64pg Jungle Scrapbook Jungle Blank		