

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 Ararat Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. 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.

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

You'll also find attached the 2026 booklist, please follow the instructions to purchase your child's booklist from One Office National. If you wish to purchase your items from another supplier, please try to match your order to the items on the booklist as closely as possible. These items will be brought to school on the first day of Term 1.

Families can order online via: <https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/ararat/ararat-primary-school/>

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Dowsett

Acting Principal

Jess Wright

School Council President

Ararat Primary School Contribution Schedule – 2026

Please find the itemised list of Curriculum Contributions and extra-curricular contributions for your child.

Curriculum Contributions (items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum)	Amount
Classroom Consumables, materials & equipment	\$150
User Pay optional / Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Prep / Grade 1 / Grade 2	
Grade Prep Big Day Out – Term 4	\$50
Grade 1-2 Big Day Out / Late Night – November, Term 4	\$80
End of year activities – Term 4	\$30
School Incursions	\$20
Grade 3 - 4	
Grade 3-4 Camp – Roses Gap – March, Term 1	\$368
End of year activities – Term 4	\$30
School Incursions	\$20
Grade 5 - 6	
Grade 5-6 Camp - DOXA Melbourne – November, Term 4	\$200
Grade 5 Cottage By the Sea (Grade 5 students only) – September, Term 3	\$100
Grade 5-6 Winter Sports Travel	\$10
Somers School Camp – August, Term 3 (Run by Depart of Ed, 160 students in Highlands South and Central Area, for selected students only)	\$400
End of year activities – Term 4	\$30
School Incursions	\$20
Grade 6 T-shirt and Jacket (Amount based on 1 of each)	\$110
Halogen Leadership Day (Grade 6 students only) – March, Term 1	\$60
Graduation (Grade 6 students only)	\$50

Payment Methods

Payment can be made via:

- Online via the XUNO app
- In person at Ararat Primary School Office, 70 – 78 Moore Street Ararat 3377

Financial Support for Families

Ararat Primary School understands that families may be experiencing financial difficulties and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF) of \$154 for health card
- State Schools Relief
- Payment plans for extracurricular activities / camps

To arrange a confidential discussion about accessing these services or to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact:

Nathan Warrick – Ph: 03 5352 1253 | Email nathan.warrick@education.vic.gov.au

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.

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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Student Name:

Phone:

Parents Name:

Email:

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO SHOP LOCALLY

Cash or credit card payments can be made in store or by calling our office on 5352 7575

GRADE 2. 'RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS'

Product	Unit Price	QTY
TRIANGULAR GRIP COLOUR MARKER 1.0MM ASSORTED PACK 10 (7094850)	\$6.95 PACK	x1
TRIANGULAR COLOUR PENCILS ASSORTED PACK 12 (7012407)	\$4.45 PACK	x1
SHINTARO KIDS STEREO HEADPHONE BLACK (7071996)	\$13.40 EACH	x1
INITIATIVE GLUE STICK 36G (7070311)	\$1.80 EACH	x2
PROTEXT MESH POCKET PENCIL CASE 330 X 175MM (7038210)	\$3.90 EACH	x1
CELCO SCHOOL SCISSORS 152MM BLUE (7075466)	\$5.20 EACH	x1
OLYMPIC SM64 SCRAPBOOK MEGASAURUS BLANK 90GSM 64 PAGE 335 X 240MM (7006895)	\$3.10 EACH	x3
FABER-CASTELL DUST FREE ERASERS LARGE (7057093)	\$1.12 EACH	x2
METAL PENCIL SHARPENER 2-HOLE (79188)	\$1.10 EACH	x1
Ruler Wood 30cm (33616)	\$1.10	x1
WRITER PREMIUM EXERCISE BOOK DOTTED THIRDS 18MM 70GSM 96 PAGE A4 TREE (7032648)	\$2.50 EACH	x3
	Subtotal	\$58.74
	Grand Total	\$58.74

Important Dates

Some of the important dates are listed for you

- **Booklist Order Closes** - 08 January 2026
- **Booklist Direct Delivery** - 12 January 2026



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