

# Merrivale Primary School

## Parent Payments 2026



Dear Parent/Guardian

Merrivale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Merrivale's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/Carer voluntary contributions make significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support has allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, STEM, Art, Music and PE.
- Maintain and develop the school grounds.
- Ensure the upkeep of our iPad devices to enhance learning opportunities (Prep – 2)
- 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.
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies.
- Offer effective First Aid for all students.

Payment of these contributions will be welcomed at the start of the 2026 school year. All parent contributions can be made via XUNO either in full or by instalments, cash, debit/credit card at the school's office or via bank transfer (including Centrepay).

The school appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulty, and a number of support options are available to parents including State Schools Relief and the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** Parents or guardians who hold a **current Health Care Card** may be eligible for the **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**.

Under this program, the school will receive **\$400 per eligible student**, which will be **credited towards the cost of camps, sports, and excursions**. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Carlin 5562 7172 email [merrivale.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:merrivale.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

**Simon Perry**  
Principal

**Kate White**  
School Council President

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Curriculum contributions – items and activities that students use or participate in, to access the curriculum.	Amount
<b>All Students Prep to Year 6</b>	
<b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stationery Packs – Stationery &amp; Essential classroom resources</li> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter coloured paper</li> <li>• STEM – supplies</li> <li>• Printing &amp; photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</li> </ul>	\$130
<b>Personal Subscriptions</b> – M class, Australian History Mysteries, Seesaw <b>Personal development Sessions</b>	\$50
<b>Excursions</b> – Activities outside the school which are associated with, but not part of, instruction in the standard curriculum program.	\$40
<b>Incursions</b> - Performers and demonstrations who come to the school to present to the students and who charge a fee to do so.	\$30
<b>Student Insurance</b> (if you choose not to pay this your child will not be covered under the school insurance policy)	\$10
<b>Total Amount Curriculum contributions</b>	<b>\$260</b>
<b>Water Safety – Swimming Program</b>	
Program will be tailored to suit each year level. Costs to release teachers to supervise the program and entry costs to the venue and transport costs.	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Other contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Student wellbeing programs	\$25
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$25
<b>Total Amount (other Contributions)</b>	

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### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Merrivale 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	
Optional Camps Year 3- 6 (see potential costings below)	TBA	
Prep / Year 2 excursion (see potential costings below)	TBA	
Division/Regional Sporting Activities	TBA	
Eisteddfod	TBA	
Other optional Excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

### Potential Camps & costing for 2026:

Prep/Year 2 excursion (whole day excursion)	\$90
Year 3 & 4 camp (1 night – venue to be confirmed)	\$300
Year 5 & 6 camp (2 nights – venue to be confirmed)	\$400

# 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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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.

**Please complete and return this page if paying at the School office**

Category	Contributions Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 260
Water Safety – Swimming Program	\$ 90
Other Contributions	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

Student Name:
Parent/guardian Name:
Signature:

### How to make payments



Via the XUNO app in full or by Instalments.

#### Direct Deposit

BSB: 063-533

Account: 10127932

Reference detail: Name of Student

#### Pay in Person

At the school office by Cash or eftpos / Credit card

#### Pay over the phone

Call the school office to pay by Credit card

#### Healthcare or Pension Card

You can set up a Payment plan with Centrelink.

**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.

