



# MAIDEN GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Maiden Gully Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Maiden Gully Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 continue to provide digital learning opportunities, update our literacy and numeracy materials and continue to offer a broad range of programs for our students above the standard curriculum.

Please find attached Maiden Gully Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2022, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,

Craig Arrowsmith  
Principal

Duncan Thomson  
School Council President



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<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy blocks</li> <li>• English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers</li> <li>• Sports – ribbons, materials and equipment</li> <li>• Library – books, subscriptions</li> </ul>	\$40
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential Assessment Numeracy</li> <li>• Maths 300</li> <li>• PAT Maths</li> </ul>	\$10
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets (unless student has own netbook)</i>	\$30
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$5
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics carnival - entry and transport</li> <li>• Concert - transport</li> <li>• Chinese Cultural experiences</li> <li>• Swimming Program – subsidised by DET</li> </ul>	\$35
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Student wellbeing programs – Dogs Connect, Smiling Minds</i>	\$5
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$5



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## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Maiden Gully 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>Interschool Sports program</i>	\$10
<i>Excursions and Incursions to be scheduled</i>	\$TBA
<i>School Camps</i>	\$TBA
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$10</b>

<b>Combined total for 2022 (excluding camps/excursions/incursions)</b>	<b>\$140</b>
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Before you make payment for 2022, please check with the office if you have any outstanding credit from 2021.

## Payment methods

- Cash at office
- EFTPOS
- Direct deposit to the school's bank account – Please contact Jade for bank details
- BPay – your unique BPay reference number is available on request

## Refunds

Parent refunds will be at the discretion of the Principal on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the schools deems it is reasonable and fair to do so. Please refer to the school's Parent Refund Policy for further information.

## Booklist

We request that you source booklist items from our preferred supplier – JI Office Products – or a supplier of your choice ready for the beginning of the 2022 school year.

# 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.