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KERANG SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2027

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Kerang South Primary School for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Kerang South Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact our school Principal, Lyn Veall on 5450 3900.

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 03 5450 3900. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see [How to use an interpreter to contact your school](#).

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at [Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#).

Yours sincerely

Lyn Veall

Principal

Scott Bourne

School Council President

KERANG SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	\$95.00	\$

Extra-curricular items and activities

Kerang South Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs
- class photos
- social events like graduations and class treat of the terms or parties.

We have provided confirmed or indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below.

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made now or later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost	Confirmed cost (where known)	Parent/carer to select
Incursions and arts/artist performances and programs (optional user pay item). KSPS will invoice this out at the start of the year * CSEF will be used towards this item	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
School Photos (available April 2027 onwards) Orders placed directly through Photographer	\$TBA		
<i>Other major items are the optional (user pays), listed below. These costs are indicative only – exact cost and payment will be communicated closer to the date</i>			
Prep – Grade 2 Excursion	\$70.00		
Grade 3 – 4 Camp	\$300.00		

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Grade 5 – 6 Camp	\$500.00
Grade 5 – 6 DET Somers Camp (every 2 years)	\$350.00
Grade 6 Graduation T-shirt & Signature Toy	Approx \$15.00 - \$45.00

Students/families who do not pay for the above Extra Curricular items and activities will not attend these events and will remain in class and receive explicit teaching to the relevant curriculum.

* CSEF can be used towards camp expenses if applicable

Learning materials for students to own

Booklist items:

You can choose to buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier.

Kerang South Primary School has an arrangement with the following supplier for the materials that you can buy these materials from - Kerang Computers.

If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis. If you wish to buy items through the supplier. Details on how and where to place these online orders will be advertised to parents in Term 4, 2026 via our school newsletter and KSPS Parents Facebook page.

If you would like to buy items to own that are not from this supplier, you can contact our Business Manager, Stacey Fernee for information about books and/or stationary specifications that will be required for your child's education.

Digital and Online subscriptions:

Kerang South Primary School uses several online digital subscriptions for learning. These subscriptions include Reading Eggs, Essential Assessment, Mappen, integrated studies and other online class programs. The costs of digital subscriptions vary from class to class and the total costs are itemised below:

- Prep - \$69.49
- Grade 1 - \$65.69
- Grade 2 - \$59.79
- Grade 3 – 5 - \$44.63

If you do not buy a subscription, your child will be provided with access to what they need for their learning.

Financial help for families

Kerang South Primary School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- CSEF (**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**) – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.

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- **Affordable School Uniforms** - delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Second-hand uniform store / sales – to support parents in meeting the costs of the children's education, the school sells second hand school uniforms. Uniform costs are kept to a minimum.

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact:

Lyn Veall (Principal) or Stacey Fernee (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 5450 3900 | Email: kerang.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Parents may choose to make payments in instalments, and will be provided with several methods of making payments including:

- Online with purchase of Student Book packs
- Cash or cheque at the main office
- EFTPOS card at the office
- BPAY or EFT payments – details available upon request

Parents can enter into a confidential voluntary payment arrangement by contacting the Business Manager, Stacey Fernee on 5450 3900 or kerang.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Refunds

Please refer to our Parent Refund Policy located on the school website.

Students withdrawing from an activity will not automatically be entitled to a refund.

- Where the school is charged for the provision of a program or service as a bulk cost and not a 'per head' cost, no refund will be given.
- Where a 'per head' fee is charged, refunds may be given.
- Where there is a combination of a bulk charge and a 'per head' charge in an excursion (e.g. a visit to the zoo where the bus charge is bulk cost and the entry fee is a 'per head' cost) only the 'per head' component may be refunded.
- Refunds may be considered under special circumstances and at the principal's discretion.
- Deposits paid for school camps will be non-refundable unless either cancelled by the school or at the principal's discretion.
- The 'Camps and Excursion Refund Request' form must be completed for all reimbursements within 14 days of the event. The form is available from the office.
- Refunds will be processed once all costs are met.

Method of Reimbursements

Reimbursements will be processed by way of a credit being applied to the family account, unless alternative arrangements are made, which can be used for future activities. If the original payment was made with CSEF credit, this credit will be reapplied to the family account as CSEF credit.

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Information for families



FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.



FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions

Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools

Tax deductible contributions

Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided from home, schools will provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.

Schools must publish their Parent Contributions arrangements on their school website, along with a link to the department's [Parent Contributions policy](#).

