KERANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal: John Wardell

November 27, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Parent Payment Arrangement 2026

Kerang Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2026. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the school's **voluntary financial contributions** for the upcoming year.

As communicated earlier this year, and with the support of School Council, we have made the decision **not to request Voluntary Curriculum Contributions for the 2026 school year**.

Curriculum consumables include classroom materials and equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers, scrapbooks, graph and exercise books, diaries, display folders, markers, erasers, scissors, document wallets, writing paper, art and craft supplies, and materials used for projects including paper, cardboard, paint, and other items.

We recognise that many families in our community are managing increasing cost-of-living pressures. By removing these school fees, we hope to help ease that burden and make things a little simpler for everyone.

Please note, there will still be **charges for extra-curricular activities**, such as camps and excursions, which are outlined on page 2.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jack Wardell
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Principal

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School Council President

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Educational Items for Individual Use

Students are encouraged to bring their own personal educational items.
Attached is a list of items the school recommends you purchase from a third-party supplier for your child to individually own and use. *(Please ensure each item is clearly named.)*

Foundation – Grade 6:

- Headphones
- Pencil case
- Art smock
- 3 boxes of tissues

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

Kerang Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities throughout the year that could 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
Extra-curricular items and activities are optional item charges which may be requested as they arise during the year, including extra-curricular programs or activities, camps and excursions, in-school visits, sports activities, school photos, etc. *Payment for these activities will be requested closer to the event.* ***Students who choose not to attend these events will remain in class and receive explicit teaching to the relevant curriculum.***		
Swimming Program **CSEF if applicable can be used towards this item*	TBA	
School Photos	TBA	
School Uniform *A price list and order form are available from the office. Charges are set at cost price plus minimal postage and handling.*	Please contact the office for a price list	
The major items are our school camps, listed below. ***These costs are indicative only – exact cost and payment options will be communicated closer to the camp date.*** ** CSEF if applicable can be used towards these items.*		
Prep – Grade 1 – Kyabram Fauna Park/ Pioneer Settlement/ Echuca	$50	
Grades 2/3 Camp – Billabong Camp/ Pioneer Settlement	$250	
Grades 4/5/6 Camp – Cottage by the Sea / Adventure Camp/ Melbourne	$400	
Grade 5 & 6 DET Somers School Camp (every 2 years)	$350	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		**$**

Financial Support for Families

Kerang Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) (for eligible families)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Second-hand uniform, if available
- State Schools Relief (SSR) support is available for uniforms/footwear.

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Families are encouraged to enquire about available CSEF Funds for their family early in the year and consider a payment plan (as attached) to avoid any financial concerns at camp/ excursion time. Payments can commence at any time.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the school for information regarding support options, or the Business Manager, if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, on 5450 3181.

Payment methods

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

- Cash or cheque at the office
- EFT payments (Bank Transfer)

  Kerang Primary School
  BSB: 063542 Account No: 10027920
  Please put your surname and the code CAMP/ EXCURSION.

EFTPOS facilities are not available at the school.

Refunds

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

If a family has paid for a camp, excursion or activity and their student does not attend, they will receive reimbursement under the following situations:

- If the student has an approved illness on the day.
- If the activity is a singular activity which is cancelled by the school or provider, and whereby a replacement activity is not offered.
- If a student leaves Kerang Primary School before the event.

If a family has paid for a camp, excursion or activity and their student does not attend, they will not receive reimbursement under the following situations:

- If the student does not attend one day out of an entire program involving multiple days/activities, as the family payment covers the program as a whole.
- If the school is forced to cancel one day out of a program involving multiple days/activities due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, as the family payment covers the program as a whole.
- If it has been stated that they were paying for a non-refundable deposit.

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.

School Start

The first day of Term 1 2026 will be a pupil free day.
All students commence school on **Wednesday January 28, 2026.**
(Foundation students do not attend school on a Wednesday during the month of February)

Department Parent Payment Policy

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy, please see a one-page overview attached. The DET Parent Payment Policy is available to view on our school website and a copy can be requested at any time by contacting the school office.

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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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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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Payment Plan Agreement Form

Payee Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Child's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Child's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Purpose

This agreement outlines a scheduled payment plan toward your child(ren)'s 2026 school camp.

Payments from the payee(s) listed above will be made to Kerang Primary School according to the schedule below.

Payment Details

- Payment Amount: $_____
- Payment Frequency: Weekly / Fortnightly (please circle)
- Commencement Date: _____
- Total Camp Payment Due: $_____
- Payment Method: Direct Deposit / Cash via School Office (please circle)

Kerang Primary School
BSB: 063542
Account No: 10027920
Please put your surname and the code CAMP/EXCURSION

Terms and Conditions

- All payment instalments must be made on or before the due date as agreed.
- Any changes to this schedule must be discussed with the school prior to the due date.

Payer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Representative: _____ Date: _____

Payment Record

Payment Amount Received	Date	Staff Initials