Clarinda Primary School

27 October 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Clarinda 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.

Clarinda 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 the Principal, Robbie Mallett or Business Manager, Gaby Robinson on 9544 3231, clarinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 9544 3231. 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

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Clarinda 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.	$330.00	

Extra-curricular items and activities

Clarinda 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 formals.

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
Year 3/4 Camp (2 nights)	$365.00		
Year 5/6 Camp (2 nights)	$430.00		
Prep Animal Incursion	$7.00		
Prep Chesterfield Farm Excursion	$24.00		
Year 1/2 Sea Life Aquarium or Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion	$40.00		
Year 1/2 Stay Late/Sleepover	$25.00		
Year 3/4 Scienceworks Excursion	$26.00		
Year 3/4/5/6 Respectful Relationships/Elephant Ed Incursion	$15.00		
Year 6 Jackets – optional purchase	$65.00		
Year 6 Bounce Graduation Excursion	$46.00		

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost	Confirmed cost (where known)	Parent/carer to select
Physical Education – House Sports, District Events, Division Events, Interschool Competitions, Summer & Winter Gala Days,	$8.00-15.00		
Kaboom Kids Sports Session (Whole School)	$14.00		
Perform Education Book Week/Author Incursion (Whole School)	$12.00		
Water Safety Program (Whole School)	No cost to families		
School Photos – optional purchase	Cost subject to purchase		
Parent Committee Fundraisers – such as: Mothers Day Stall, Fathers Day Stall, Hot Dog Day, Icy Pole Sales, etc	Cost subject to purchase		
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	From $8.00 - $430.00		

Booklist Items

All stationery and booklist items required for the school year will be supplied by the school. Parents are not required to purchase any items. The school will ensure that all necessary resources are supplied to students.

Financial help for families

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

- **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.

- **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.

- Second-hand uniform store – available at the office. Items can be purchased for a gold coin donation.

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:
Gaby Robinson - Ph: 03 9544 3231 clarinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- Compass Pay
- Cash
- Debit or credit card - in person at the office
- If you want to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can:
  - Decide when to make each contribution
  - Choose the amount of each contribution