



MARYBOROUGH EDUCATION CENTRE

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Dear Parent

Maryborough Education Centre is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of their parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for students attending the Specialist Setting attached.

Maryborough Education Centre makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Maryborough Education Centre has removed the Shared Resource Pool amounts in 2020 and this will continue to be deleted for 2021. MEC has been constantly reviewing other charges to remove and to this end we are introducing digital text books and programs where possible to ensure all students have access to online learning platforms.

Financial Support for Families

Maryborough Education Centre understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for those eligible families
- Second hand options e.g. school uniform bank
- State Schools Relief – contact Student Services coordinator (Jessica Malham Years 7 – 12), Specialist Wellbeing Officer (Caitlin Thompson) and Primary Welfare Officer (Elana Stoklahsa Years Prep – 6)
- Local community support groups as required; e.g. Salvation Army, St Luke's etc.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Business Manager – Mrs Tracey Smith

Ph: 03 5461 7900 Email: maryborough.ec@education.vic.gov.au Att: Tracey Smith

Payment Methods

- Payment plan arrangements will be used for those families who request this outside the instalment options that are currently available.
- The processes for meeting/communicating with parents experiencing hardship, including information to be provided will be delivered by our Student Services coordinator at Years 7 – 12, Family Liaison Officer (whole school), Specialist Wellbeing Officer and our Primary Welfare Officer at Years P – 6. All of these staff are trained in managing these situations

discretely and effectively. The staff will consider proactive strategies to engage with parents disconnected from the school who may be experiencing hardship, such as discretely approaching families who may need support and special payment arrangements.

- A welfare fund has been established by MEC for families in need. Our Student Services team has been given the authority to use this as necessary

Refunds

Please refer to Maryborough Education Centre's Refund policy on our website.

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

Yours sincerely,



David Sutton
Principal



Anita Ford
School Council President

ATTACHMENT: A FEE SCHEDULE SHOULD BE COMPLETED FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR LEVEL

FEE SCHEDULE – STUDENTS IN SPECIALIST SETTING

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities, which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please consider which items you would like to purchase from the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Booklist items e.g. stationery, textbooks, workbooks, MEC Library bag	Booklist from Education Plus
<p>Everyday Program</p> <p>Some Local excursions which may include, but are not limited to, water safety and hydrotherapy experiences at the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre, Community Access, bike riding at the Maryborough Velodrome.</p> <p>Students will also have access to resources such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooking ingredients including assorted meats, flour, butter, sugar, condiments and any other ingredients required to complete nominated recipes as per curriculum requirements • Craft-making materials such as cotton, fabrics and any other items required to complete final products as per curriculum requirements • Maryborough Sport and Leisure Centre facilities including swimming pools • Specialised bicycles, tricycles and scooters • Specialist setting buses 	\$280
Curriculum excursions and camps (directly related to curriculum outcomes)	To be advised throughout the year
TOTAL	Price will vary depending on options chosen

Optional Items

Maryborough Education Centre offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please consider from the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
School Magazine – “Mecazine”	\$10
Extra-curricular activities	As selected
School photographs	As selected
TOTAL	Price will vary depending on options chosen