



Funding Procedures

Government Funding

The ACT Education Directorate provides funding for Garran Primary School utilising the Student Resource Allocation (SRA) model. This basic funding provides the school's overall budget allocation which supports staffing and school operational costs. This allocation is derived from the number of students enrolled and what stage of schooling they are in. In addition to this funding, resources can be provided to support the needs of particular students such as;

- students with a low socio-economic status background
- students with English as an additional language or dialect
- Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Student Support
- students with disability

Stationary – Student Book Packs

Each year families are asked to purchase or fund essential stationary items for their child. Book pack items are sent directly to the school so that they are in classrooms for when children begin school. This process was established because previously when book packs were delivered home to families, eager young learners would often have already opened their packs and come to school with many of their workbooks used and pencils and items lost. To ensure that all children have their items ready for them at school the packs are now delivered directly to school. An ICT levy that supports the subscription of different programs that support student learning and family communication for example Mathletics and Reading eggs are also included in the cost.

Family Voluntary Contributions

For many years students have benefitted from the additional resources provided through family voluntary contributions. These funds enable Garran Primary to continue its well-established role in ensuring students can access additional resources and programs. All contributions are confidential. The generosity and support of Garran Families over the years has ensured that the school continues to provide excellent programs and opportunities for children. Contributions can be made into three funds:

- General Funds
- Library Fund (tax deductible)
- Building Fund (tax deductible)

Excursions and Camps

Children in years 3-6 have the opportunity to attend one outdoor education camp each year. Children of all age groups may have opportunities to attend sport, music, cultural and other learning activities as organised by their teachers. Local excursions are offered during the year for all age groups. Families are asked to cover the costs of these enriching activities.

P & C Fundraising

Fundraising is a key role of the P&C who respond to the needs of staff and students. The School Principal presents a wish list from the staff at the beginning of each year to the P&C. The P&C organise a schedule of fundraising events for the year. Families may be asked to volunteer their time to support these activities. As well as a significant resource or goal that may take several years to raise funds for the P&C also provides funds for other items throughout the year such as for class graduations, support



for staff and family events and community engagement. Additionally, staff are supported with small gifts or treats to acknowledge special achievements and special days.

The P & C has funded many school resources in the past including;

- Literacy Resources including significant additional readers
- Mathematics equipment and resources
- Sensory Garden (vegetable garden and quiet play area)
- Versatility Garden (junior play area)
- The web playground equipment
- Sports equipment
- Piano, guitars and keyboard
- Flexible modern furniture for the school library
- Sound and PA system for the Hall
- Robotics for all year levels (beebots, sferos, etc)
- Ipads, Desktops and TV screens for classrooms

Sponsorship

Garran families are discerning and have a high expectation of the school. This results in families being actively involved in the school community and supporting events and activities. Many parents are themselves business owners or senior professionals in either business or government. At Garran Primary we are committed to fulfilling the vision of providing excellence in education and gifts and support from parents, community and friends of GPS help us to achieve it. Sponsorship for school programs such as the Annual Science Fair, STEM festival and many other facilities such as playground equipment within our school are all thanks to the generosity of our donors and sponsors. This support helps to create an optimal learning environment for our students to learn, grow and reach their potential. For more information contact info@garranps.act.edu or call us on 61420840.

Student Support Funds

The school has funds specifically allocated for assisting families to ensure that children have a uniform, can attend excursions and access school stationary needs. Any families who need assistance can contact the School Principal or Business Manager or any member of the P&C for support.

Bring Your Own Device

The focus on the BYOD at Garran is to provide the tools to senior learners to ensure technology is seamlessly integrated throughout the curriculum in preparation for high school. Digital literacy is key for the future and taking responsibility for owning and caring for devices builds essential habits for high school and beyond. Students in Years 5 and Year 6 are asked to purchase their own device.