

Dear Family,

Welcome to Margaret River Independent School.

MRIS values the strong family/school partnership which underpins the ethos/values of our school. It is important for the school's continuing success that prospective families understand the commitment in time and energy that will be required of them.

In an effort to cater for all families, MRIS offers a wide range of options to fulfil this commitment. Single-parent families and families with working parents can now enjoy more flexible parental involvement, whilst the school continues to maintain its history of excellence and nurture the all important parent/school partnership.

You will be asked to –

- **Pay term fees in advance.**
- **Participate in Busy Bees each Sunday prior to the term and fundraising events.**
- **Share portfolio responsibilities.**
 - Parents assist the school by taking on an annual portfolio.
- **Participate in Classroom rosters.**
 - Spend time with your child in the classroom by taking on a classroom roster.
- **Contribute 20hrs (family) or 10hrs (sole-parent family) of help each term.**
 - Hours can be accrued through participation in the STEP course, classroom rosters, Busy Bees and portfolios e.g. grounds/maintenance, Book Club, administration assistance, special projects, book covering, library assistance.
- **Effective Parenting (STEP)**
 - Teachers and parents are urged to do an Effective Parenting Course (free). The course promotes a consistent approach to behaviour management both at home and school.
 - Reflective listening and the use of logical consequences instead of reward/punishment are among some of the strategies taught.
- **Read the school's Newsletter published every Thursday.**

Please note: It is a condition of enrolment that all forms be completed and returned to the school before your child can commence.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jane Harker on 9757 7515. Thank you!