Background
‘Mawarra Makes my Lunch’ is a program initiated by the P&C in conjunction with the school. This program assists families who are experiencing difficult short-term situations, with sick parents or other hardships. During these times, the school provides lunches as one way of helping out these families. It has operated for a number of years, through the generosity of parents and staff who make donations to cover the costs for these lunches.

Procedures
Availability
The short-term program may be made available to families of the Mawarra school community who are experiencing difficulties with, but not limited to the following:
* Family illness or loss
* Family crisis
Funding
The program operates through the generous donations of the Mawarra Community.
- Families may contribute.
- Staff may contribute.
- The Student Representative Council may choose to do a fundraising activity for the program.
- The school and P&C will top up the fund alternatively in $50 installments should the donated funds not cover a required response, or should the balance fall below $50 in credit. A copy of the family fund expenses table should accompany an invoice to the school or P&C.
To encourage sustainability of the program, the community will be periodically reminded to donate through the school’s newsletter.
All donations should be made to the school office to be passed on to the canteen supervisor where it will be entered into the family fund record.
Operation
Either:
- The canteen will make lunches, which will be paid for by the funds provided by the program
  (Canteen to notify school office and P&C President when float falls to below $50)
From the canteen, children may order a cheese, jam, Vegemite or honey sandwich on choice of bread with a piece of fruit and a bottle of water, charged at regular canteen prices.
OR
- In some cases, the staff may choose to take on the responsibility for making lunches / recess.

Each case will be decided on its needs/merits by the Principal, in conjunction with the P&C President or their representative.
Changes to this policy should allow for school, P&C and canteen operator input.

Reviews
The families making use of the program will be reviewed, as required, by the Principal and P&C representative, and in some cases, a standard letter will be sent to families to determine whether ongoing support is required.