



MT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*The Mount Macedon Primary School vision is to develop positive, independent, resilient and inquiring students who are ready for the future.*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mount Macedon Primary School is looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning in 2025. We would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer in the past.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences such as the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, enhanced digital learning opportunities and the upgrade of our buildings and grounds.

Please come and speak to me if you have any concerns about the fees.

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

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Flynn

Principal

Mount Macedon Primary School



# Year One

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>General classroom materials &amp; equipment \$15</i></li> <li>• <i>Individual Book Packs \$41</i></li> <li>• <i>Art – e.g. paint, crayons, glitter, coloured paper, clay \$15</i></li> <li>• <i>Sports – equipment \$12</i></li> <li>• <i>Headphones \$9</i></li> </ul>	\$92
<i>Online Subscriptions&amp; Assessments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics \$18</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggs \$16</i></li> <li>• <i>Essential Assessment Literacy &amp; Numeracy \$25</i></li> <li>• <i>Skodel \$10</i></li> </ul>	\$69
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$17
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$188</b>
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<i>First aid equipment and tissues</i>	\$30
<i>Headlice Program</i>	\$50
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$80</b>



# Year One

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mount Macedon Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
PYP programme of the International Baccalaureate	\$125
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$125</b>

Tax deductible contribution	
Mount Macedon Primary School continues to welcome your tax-deductible contribution to our Building and Maintenance Fund.	
Payments can be made separately via Compass	\$ _____
This donation is an endorsed Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).	
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

## Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$188
Other Contributions	\$80
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$393</b>
Building Fund Tax Deductible Contribution	\$ _____

## Payment methods

1. Compass
2. BPay

Payment completed prior to collection day – **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



# Year One

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## **Financial Support for Families**

Mount Macedon Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Conveyance Allowance
- Individual family payment plans

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

Joseph Flynn

Principal

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Email: [joseph.flynn@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:joseph.flynn@education.vic.gov.au)

## **Refunds**

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

#### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.