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Dear parent/guardian,

Mount Macedon Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mount Macedon Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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 Programme, enhanced digital learning opportunities and the upgrade of our buildings and grounds.

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

Yours sincerely,

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<b>Year 3 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Foundation classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom materials &amp; equipment (\$46)</li> <li>• Art – resources ie: paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$10)</li> <li>• STEM – program resources (\$5)</li> <li>• Mathematics – timers, dice, blocks and other resources (\$5)</li> <li>• English – books, book week items, other resources (\$5)</li> <li>• Sports – equipment (\$11)</li> <li>• Digital Technology – equipment, ie: spools &amp; tools (\$10)</li> <li>• LOTE - equipment (\$10)</li> </ul>	<b>\$102</b>
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential Assessment \$21</li> <li>• Skodel \$14</li> <li>• Mathematics program – Mathletics \$16</li> <li>• Literacy program – Sunshine Online \$8 &amp; Reading Eggs \$18</li> </ul>	<b>\$69</b>
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	<b>\$50</b>
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	<b>\$17</b>
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$238</b>

<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
School Sports Victoria affiliation & Macedon Ranges Sports Association	<b>\$12</b>
Headlice prevention program	<b>\$50</b>
First aid equipment	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$102</b>

<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (Suggested - \$100).	<b>\$</b>

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**Educational items for students to own**

Mount Macedon Primary School recommends you purchase the following for your child to individually own and use.

- Headphones
- Pencil case

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis**

Mount Macedon Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of any other additional extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programs	\$125
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$125</b>

**Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Conveyance Allowance

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

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## **Total**

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$238
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$102
Building Fund (Tax-deductible)	\$[parent to complete]
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$125
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$465</b>

## **Payment methods**

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## **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 Payments 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.