



Dear parent/guardian,

Mornington Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mornington PS's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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 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 purchase new robotics resources for our STEAM program, purchase new sports equipment for our Physical Education program, purchase new resources for our library to support the Respectful Relationships program and address indigenous perspectives, purchase extra decodable texts for students, provide Compass as a communication tool and provide disposable first aid products.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Parent payment plans, arranged with the Business Manager

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Olympia Maselli, Business Manager: Phone: 03 5976 5500

Email: mornington.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

To assist parents in planning and managing school payments, we have the following payment methods available. Via Compass direct, Bpay and direct deposit to the school bank account.

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We also have EFTPOS and over the counter cash payments made directly to the school office. Parents can "schedule" regular payments to their "family" accounts via Bpay and utilize funds for any school payment with parent's consent.

Refunds

Mornington Primary School will process all refunds through direct bank deposit to the parent's bank account or as a credit on the family account. We are unable to offer refunds via the EFTPOS machine for any payments made via EFTPOS.

Camps, excursions, and other activities which have been pre-paid may be refunded to the amount which the school is able to recoup.

Consideration will be given to families for unavoidable event cancellations if a family experiences a crisis or sudden serious illness and the student can no longer attend the event.

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

Yours sincerely,

Susan Mattingley
Principal

Mick Russell
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Art/Create– paint, crayons, plasticene, glitter, coloured paper (\$33) Performing Arts - instruments and repairs (\$5) Mathematics – manipulatives (\$8.50) English – take home books, dictionaries, decodable texts (\$13.50) Sports – equipment (\$8.50) STEAM – clay, cardboard, paint, textas, coloured paper, construction materials and adhesives (\$13.50) LOTE (French) – cardboard, coloured paper, books (\$5) Unit of inquiry resources – books, construction materials (\$8.00) 	\$95
<i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subscriptions varies for each grade \$6.25 to \$21.00 	\$6 - \$21
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets, including iPads, Hue cameras and laptops	\$10
STEAM – robotics and coding equipment for all year levels <i>choose one contribution</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Library books and library resources including digital borrowing system and book covering materials <i>choose one contribution</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Swimming and water safety program - resources	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$8
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$_____

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs including Positive Classroom Culture and Respectful Relationships and play pods, lunchtime clubs and atrium activities	\$5
First aid equipment	\$2
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$27



Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from [\[third party provider\]](#) for your child to individually own and use.

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

Mornington 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 extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year. We **do not** require payment for these now.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>School camps</i> <i>Mod 3 (estimated \$350 - \$450)</i> <i>Mod 4 (estimated \$400 - \$500)</i>	TBA
<i>Interschool sports program – District and regional selection for selected students only</i>	\$8 - \$20
<i>Excursion to be scheduled (estimated: \$90)</i>	TBA
<i>Instrumental music lessons (parent choice)</i>	\$14 - \$24
<i>External competitions facilitated by school such as the Australian Maths Competition (parent choice)</i>	\$7 - \$10
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	No payment required at this time
Total	\$

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 does not 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.