



Mount Pleasant Road Primary School & Kindergarten (Nunawading)

Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: 2024 Parent Payment Contributions – Foundation

Mount Pleasant Road Primary School (MPRPS) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mount Pleasant Road Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 can make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer enrichment and intervention programs and extracurricular experiences and continue to provide the quality and range of educational programs and resources that you and the school expect for your child. Thank you to all those families who continue to make a contribution, these funds are gratefully received and allow us:

- Provide an enhanced curriculum to all students (ie.: Robotics – Coding, Kitchen Garden, Investigate – Create – Express, Junior Rotations)
- Purchase digital and audio technology equipment and provide technology support (ie: iPads, 3D printers, Interactive TV's, IT Technician, Wi-Fi resources, enhanced audio for recess radio, hall and oval)
- Purchase classroom resources (ie: individual classroom library books, take home books, sporting, and music equipment)
- Wellbeing resources (ie: Class recharge boxes, Let's Talk training and resources, Lunchtime Clubs and Social Skills Groups, fit out of Chill Out Room);
- Buildings (ie: painting, blinds, regular maintenance and repairs, installation of split system air conditioners, upgrade lighting and classroom furniture)
- Grounds (ie: lawn and garden maintenance, new goal posts, concrete paths)

MPRPS makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. For 2024, supplier agreements have been reviewed to ensure that curriculum consumables are as cost effective as possible.

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

Yours sincerely

Kim Streitberger
Principal

Rebecca Smith
School Council President

Respect

Responsibility

Life-Long Learning

Integrity

Inclusion

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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.



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment - Foundation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Consumables – exercise books, colour pens/texters, glue (\$49.00) • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$40) • Science – test tubes, petri dishes, experiment materials (\$15) • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, measuring equipment, dice (\$20) • Lote -Indonesian – materials, incursion (\$10) • Guided Inquiry – materials, incursion (\$60) • Performing Arts – materials, equipment, music sheets (\$10) • Kitchen Garden Program – cooking materials, equipment (\$20) 	\$224.00
<p><i>Online subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seesaw • Reading Eggs • Mathletics • EA Numeracy 	\$60.00
<i>Swimming and water safety program (estimated \$100 per student in term 3 2024)</i>	\$TBA
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$10.00
Total Curriculum Contributions (Please note total contribution will be approximately \$394 with the inclusion of the swimming and water safety program)	\$294.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student Nutrition Program (Daily Fruit and Vegetables in Classroom) per Family</i>	\$40.00
<i>First aid supplies per Family</i>	\$20.00
Total Other Contributions	\$60.00

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Please nominate the amount you wish to donate. The suggested amount is \$50 per a Family	\$
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Please nominate the amount you wish to donate. The suggested amount is \$50 per a Family	\$



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

MPRPS 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Excursions to be scheduled. Parents will be notified through Sentral portal of the dates that these events will take place and invited to make a payment and approve their Child/ren' attendance.	\$TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

MPRPS 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)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities only*

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

Ms Rahima Lang

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Total Parent Payment Contributions

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$294
Other Contributions	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i> \$60
	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i> \$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA
Total	\$

Payment methods

Please note: Payment will be available to be made from 15th January 2024 via Sentral. Bpay and Eftpos can be made from 29th January 2024 when the Office is open.

Sentral

Bpay (please contact the school for your Bpay reference)

Eftpos

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.