



Mount Pleasant Road Primary School & Kindergarten

(Nunawading)

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

The community of Mount Pleasant Road Primary School is proud of the school's excellent facilities and the comprehensive curriculum that it offers within the constraints of a tightly apportioned budget. 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 through fundraising or volunteering your time. This can make a huge difference to our school and the programs we offer.

Within our school, this support has allowed us to offer enrichment and intervention programs, extracurricular experiences, and to continue providing 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 contributions to our school. These funds have been gratefully received and have allowed us to:

- Provide an enhanced curriculum to all students (e.g., Robotics – Coding, Kitchen Garden, investigate–Create–Express, Junior Rotations)
- Purchase digital and audio technology equipment and provide technology support (e.g., iPads, 3D printer resources, Interactive TVs, IT Technician, Wi-Fi resources, enhanced audio for recess radio, hall, and oval)
- Purchase new furniture and books as part of our library upgrade and new science equipment and furniture
- Purchase classroom resources (e.g., individual classroom library books, take-home books, sporting and music equipment)
- Provide wellbeing resources (e.g. Let's Talk training and resources, a wide range of Lunchtime Clubs and Social Skills Groups, fit out of classroom wellbeing resources)
- Maintain and improve buildings (e.g., painting, blinds, regular maintenance and repairs, installation of insulated walls in junior building, classroom furniture, and additional safety gates in car park)
- Maintain grounds (e.g., lawn and garden maintenance, pathways)

MPRPS makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Please note in 2025, fees were reduced due to an excess of supplies already available in all classrooms. However, in 2026, we will be returning to the pre-2025 fee structure to ensure we can continue providing high-quality resources and programs for all students. In addition to this 2026 supplier agreements have been reviewed to ensure that curriculum consumables are as cost-effective as possible.

The Building Fund is a tax-deductible contributions that will make an even greater impact on improving our school's facilities. This fund supports key projects such as soundproofing open-plan classrooms, and upgrading essential building infrastructure, helping us create a safer, more focused, and well-equipped learning environment for all students.

Following Department of Education guidance, schools will no longer run Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programs from 2027. In preparation for this change, and after consultation with staff, families, and School Council, we will begin the transition to school-provided Chromebooks in 2026 for Grade 2 and Grade 3. To support the ongoing management, licensing, and maintenance of these devices, School Council has endorsed an annual contribution, itemised under "Digital Technology" in the 2026 Curriculum Contributions for Grade 2 and 3 families.

This contribution helps the school provide and maintain access to up-to-date technology and ensures all students benefit from consistent, equitable access to digital learning tools.

Families are invited to make their 2026 School Contributions to support the provision of essential resources. This year we are introducing a Parent Payment system – see attached page. Book packs will be available for collection from the school, and families may choose to take them home or have the school retain them until the beginning of next year. Please note that the price will vary slightly for each year level due to the different items in each year level's book packs.

For further information on the Department of Education's Parent Payments Policy, please see the attached one-page summary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Claudia Rushton
Principal, Mount Pleasant Road Primary School



Jennifer Teoh
School Council President, Mount Pleasant Road Primary School



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Foundation

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use or participate in to access the curriculum	
Foundation Book Pack & Classroom Supplies (for students to own and use in class) <i>Exercise books, colour, pens, textures, glue etc</i>	\$49
Art – resource materials <i>Paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc</i>	\$40
Science – resource materials <i>Test tubes, petri dishes, experiment material etc</i>	\$20
Mathematics – resource materials <i>Numeracy blocks, measuring equipment etc</i>	\$20
LOTE – resource materials <i>Cooking ingredients, costumes, props, craft material, and incursions etc</i>	\$15
Guided Inquiry – resource materials <i>Posters, presentation, report, model, incursions etc</i>	\$65
Performing Arts – resource materials <i>Music sheets, dance accessories, rehearsal books, costumes etc</i>	\$15
Kitchen Garden Program – resource materials <i>Garden beds, watering systems, compost, seeds, seedlings, plants, garden tools, gloves etc</i>	\$10
Digital and online subscriptions – software programs <i>Seesaw, Mathletics etc</i>	\$60
Printing and Photocopying	\$20
Curriculum Contributions	\$314

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
First Aid Supplies – maintenance and upgrades of the student first aid centre <i>Band-aids, cotton balls, disposable gloves, hand sanitiser, vomit bags, excursion kits etc</i>	\$30
School grounds maintenance and improvements - support the maintenance and upgrades of student outdoor recreational spaces <i>Minor repairs, painting, resurfacing, safety markings, mowing, rubbish removal etc</i>	\$100
Other Contributions	\$130

Tax Deductible Contributions	
Building Fund tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure	\$150
Library Fund tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the Resource Centre as a valuable resource	\$25
Tax deductible contributions	\$175

Mount Pleasant Road Primary School & Kindergarten offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students that 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	
Optional Foundation excursions to be scheduled during the year	TBA
Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Financial support for families

We have endeavored to keep the costs of items and programs to a minimum and affordable for all parents. We do understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offer a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Centrepay (Payments made via Centrelink)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Wellbeing Team support

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

Mrs Megha Malhotra

Ph: 9878 1730

Email: megha.malhotra@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Families may make contributions online via the Compass Education Portal, or by paying with credit card/cash at the General Office.

Payment via the Compass portal. We offer payment by four equal instalments or in full. If the payment plan, we have suggested is not suitable, please contact the office and we can tailor a plan specific to your needs. Further, we encourage families experiencing financial hardship to contact the school office for a confidential discussion.

Instalment dates:

10th December 2025

10th February 2026

10th March 2026

10th April 2026

If payment or a payment plan is submitted by **10th December 2025**, students will be sent home with their book pack in the third week of December. **Parents also have the option of keeping the book pack at school, ready for next year.** Please email the school at mt.pleasant.road.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you would like the pack to be held at school. For payments made after this date, the packs will be available in your child's class once school commences in 2026.

Refunds

The Mount Pleasant Road Primary School & Kindergarten Refund Policy: Please contact the Business Manager for details and assistance regarding eligibility and procedures. Requests for refunds will be considered at the school's discretion on a case-by-case basis. Refunds may be granted where the school determines it is reasonable and fair, taking into account any costs already incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, the Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

Parent Payment Policy

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

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.