

Mill Park Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

October 6th, 2022

Mill Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mill Park Primary School'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.*

Mill Park Primary School, School Council and its Finance Committee work closely with the Leadership Team and Business Manager to set recommended student contributions that meet the budgetary requirements of the school. Within our school this support has allowed us to offer and ensure the provision of student wellbeing and support programs, major and minor upgrades to buildings and grounds and classroom technology. This is made available for the benefit and enjoyment of your children.

Mill Park Primary School aims to provide your child with updated software, computers, access to online resources, iPads and applications, interactive whiteboards, projectors, media and music resources, editing software and ongoing upgrade of technologies. In 2023 the Early Years, Prep – year 2 students will have a wide range of iPads and laptops to use in the classroom. Middle years, Years 3-6 students will have 1:1 access to laptops to support their learning.

Mill Park Primary School employs a facilities and maintenance person to ensure our grounds and playground equipment are maintained and presented in a safe and immaculate condition.

In addition to the above funding sources, we are extremely fortunate to have outstanding support from the school community in fundraising ventures. These funds also enable us to enhance the school resources and facilities.

We thank you for the financial contribution that you make to your child's education at Mill Park Primary School. With your financial support, we can continue to provide your child with the best resources to enhance their learning.

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

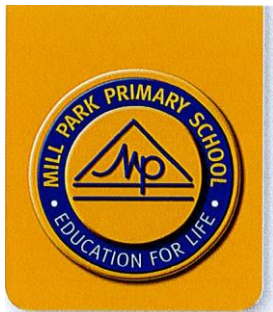
Yours sincerely,

Carol Vidmar

Principal

Jessica Green

School Council President

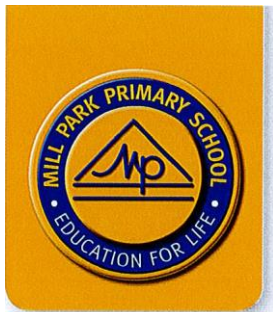


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2023 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Individual Stationery Pack as per attached</i> \$ 75.00 • <i>MPPS School diary</i> \$ 15.00 • <i>Classroom consumables (for example, PVA glue, paint brushes, Coloured paper, poster paper, adhesive tape, and craft supplies)</i> \$100.00 • <i>Art Consumables (paint and paper)</i> \$ 25.00 • <i>Sports – equipment</i> \$ 10.00 • <i>Optional Swimming Program</i> TBA 	\$225.00
<p><i>Online subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mathletics</i> • <i>Essential Assessment</i> 	\$ 30.00
<p><i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i></p>	\$ 90.00
<p><i>Swimming and water safety program</i></p>	\$ TBA
<p><i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></p>	\$ 10.00
<p>Total Curriculum Contributions</p>	\$ 355.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>First aid equipment</i></p>	\$ 5.00
<p><i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i></p>	\$ 40.00
<p>Total Other Contributions</p>	\$ 45.00



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

Mill Park Primary 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
<i>Excursion to be scheduled (estimated: \$xx)</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$xx

Financial Support for Families

Mill Park 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)*
- *CentrePay for health care card holders*
- A payment plan can be selected as a payment option with Compass Pay or Angela at the office to discuss other flexible payment arrangements.

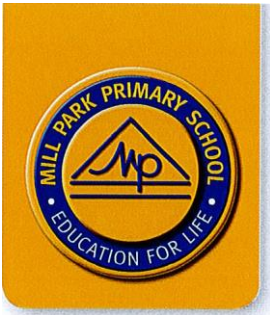
For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Angela Falso

Ph: 03 9404 3337 | Email: angela.falso@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 355.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$ 45.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
Total	\$ 400.00



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Payment methods

Please complete the form and send back to school with payment by **Monday 5th December 2022**. Book pack **will be delivered to your child's classroom on Wednesday 14th December**.

****Specific instructions will be included with the pack for naming of books/stationery.**

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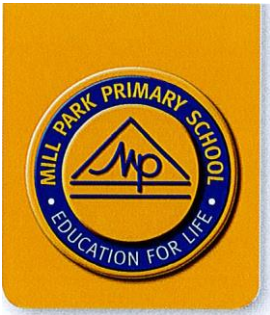
Compass - completing details on Compass & paying via this secure payment application.
(Our preferred payment method)

Credit Card - by completing the details below and returning to the school office.

BPay - please contact the office for your family statement which includes your specific BPay details

Refunds

The School Council has the responsibility for monitoring school funds and ensuring that a fair and reasonable process for managing refunds is developed and implemented. Refunds are to be kept to a minimum so that programs do not run at a loss. Refunds will be worked out on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the school and in line with the School Refund policy.



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Student Details	Please complete one form per child
Student Surname:	
Student First Name:	
2023 Year level	

MILL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL – CREDIT CARD VOUCHER	
Child's Name.....	Home Group NO.....
Please charge my Card Number	_____ CCV_____
Expiry Date: __ / __	Name on Card:.....
Signature of Cardholder:	Phone No:Date:

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.