



# Mill Park Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Your ongoing financial contributions whether through paying fees or making voluntary donations are crucial to ensuring our students have access to the best, up to date resources, facilities, and opportunities they deserve. Without this financial support, many resources that improve our children's education would not be possible.

## **Enhancing Educational Resources:**

Your contributions directly fund essential learning tools, including:

- Modern textbooks and learning materials
- Advanced educational technology
- Classroom supplies that support effective learning
- Expanded access to online resources

## **Upgrading Facilities and Maintaining Our Grounds:**

Your financial support enables us to:

- Make vital improvements to school buildings and grounds, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all
- Employ maintenance staff and a gardener to maintain and enhance our outdoor spaces.

## **Technological Advancements:**

Without additional contributions, we face the risk of limiting our students' access to essential technology, such as:

- No Individual Devices for Year 3- Year 6: Without sufficient funding, we won't be able to provide individual devices for these students, forcing them to share devices with lower-year levels
- Delays in Upgrading Technology: Planned investments in SMART screens, laptops, and other vital tools may be postponed or even cancelled
- Reduced Device Access for Year 1 and 2: We will be unable to expand the number of devices for these younger students, leading to increased sharing and less hands-on learning
- Limited Charging and Storage Solutions: The acquisition of new device trolleys for storage and charging will be delayed, making it harder to manage existing resources.
- Slower Progress on Technology Infrastructure Enhancements: Without sufficient contributions, necessary upgrades to our technology infrastructure may be stalled, impacting the quality of teaching and learning.

In summary, paying fees and voluntary contributions to a school directly benefit students by improving their educational experience and it allows schools to provide better resources, facilities, and support systems, ultimately improving the quality of education students receive.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Vidmar

Principal

Elizabeth Limosani

School Council President

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2025 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Stationery Pack as per attached \$ 75.00</li> <li>MPPS School diary \$ 15.00</li> <li>Classroom consumables (for example, PVA glue, paint brushes, Coloured paper, poster paper, adhesive tape, and craft supplies) \$100.00</li> <li>Art Consumables (paint and paper) \$ 25.00</li> <li>Sports – equipment \$ 10.00</li> <li>Optional Swimming Program TBA</li> </ul>	\$225.00
<b>Online subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunshine Online</li> <li>Essential Assessment</li> </ul>	\$ 20.00
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$ 90.00
Swimming and water safety program	\$ TBA
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 345.00</b>

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid equipment and supplies	\$ 5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$ 40.00
Compass	\$10.00
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>

### 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
Excursion to be scheduled (estimated: \$xx)	TBA

<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$xx</b>
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Financial Support for Families

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

- CSEF - Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- A payment plan can be selected as a payment option with Compass Pay

**Total**

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 345.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$ 55.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>

Payment methods

Please complete the form and send back to school with payment by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**. **Book packs will not be sent home. All packs will be delivered to your child’s classroom in 2025.**

**Payment methods**

- Compass** - completing details on Compass & paying via this secure payment application. (Our preferred payment method) Payment plans are also an option on Compass only.
- 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:	
2025 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.

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