



# Mill Park Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the many ways you support our school each year. Your voluntary contributions, alongside Department funding, help us provide learning environments that are welcoming, engaging and well-resourced for every student.

## **Enhanced learning resources**

Voluntary contributions have helped us offer a richer learning program through access to:

- contemporary textbooks and learning materials
- up-to-date classroom supplies that support daily learning
- a broader range of online learning tools and platforms
- improvements to digital technologies used in classrooms.

## **Improvements to facilities and outdoor spaces**

Parent support has also contributed to maintaining and enhancing our school environment, including:

- upgrades to buildings and grounds that create safe and flexible learning spaces
- caring for our outdoor areas through additional gardening and maintenance support.

## **Supporting students' access to technology**

In recent years, family contributions have helped us strengthen our digital learning program, including:

- increasing access to devices across all year levels
- upgrading SMART screens, laptops and related equipment
- improving device storage and charging solutions
- continuing to develop our technology infrastructure to support contemporary teaching and learning.

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Vidmar

Principal

Tryphena Cochrane

School Council President

2026 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>• Stationery \$ 60.00</li> <li>• MPPS School diary \$ 15.00</li> <li>• Classroom consumables (for example, Reading Textbooks, PVA glue, paint brushes, Coloured paper, poster paper, adhesive tape, and craft supplies) \$120.00</li> <li>• Art Consumables (paint and paper) and Science Resources for experiments \$ 30.00</li> <li>• Sports – equipment \$ 10.00</li> <li>• Optional Swimming Program TBA</li> </ul>	\$235.00
<b>Online subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunshine Online</li> <li>• Write Mark</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>\$ 355.00</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>	\$xxx
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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	\$ 355.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$ 55.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 410.00</b>

### Payment methods

Please complete the form and send back to school with payment by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

**All stationery will be delivered to your child's classroom in 2026.**

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**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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# 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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*Mission – Working together to empower all through quality education*