



2023 Year 8

MESC PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

Dear Mount Eliza Secondary College Community,

Mount Eliza Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of college'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 you support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate rich, extensive programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning programs. Our literacy and numeracy ICT platforms allow teachers to differentiate curriculum, targeted at your child's learning point of need. These funds also support practical and science subjects to offer high quality projects and activities. Our Sporting Carnivals, Health and career incursions and more personalised experiences for small groups of students, rely on this support. The loss of these contributions will have an impact on the personalised approach to education that Mount Eliza Secondary College prides itself on, and why you chose this college for your child/children. Even though payments are voluntary, any curriculum contributions or other contributions we receive, enables us to provide the best possible opportunities for our all students. Mount Eliza Secondary College is an inclusive school where every child is supported and provided for. Your continued support allows us to create this environment in our college and the resources required.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached. Please contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Regards,

Danielle Vaughan
Principal

Stephen Baker
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Connect – Papers & Booklets -\$20</i> • <i>Food Technology – Groceries & Cooking Materials -\$132</i> • <i>Design Technology – Fabrics, Threads, 3D Print material, Drawing Equipment, Booklets -\$55</i> • <i>Individual & Society – Software Program & Booklets -\$40</i> • <i>Indonesian – Language Perfect Program & Booklets -\$50</i> • <i>Language & Literature – Text Levy, Papers & Booklets -\$88</i> • <i>Mathematics – Mathspace & Essential Assessment Software & Booklets -\$70</i> • <i>Performing Arts – Scripts & Booklets -\$25</i> • <i>Health & Physical Education – Fitness Testing, Resource Materials & Booklets -\$58</i> • <i>Science – Software Subscription, Specimens, Cardboards, Construction Material, Playdough, Booklets, etc. -\$60</i> 	\$598
<p><i>Year 8 Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>eBook Bundle – Hard copy texts are no longer required for most subjects. The IT department will forward log in details for student access when available - \$125</i> 	\$125
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>Requested College Council Items</i></p> <p><i>The following are only <u>some</u> of the items which cover School Council Items: Compass access, First Aid materials, Swimming Carnival, Athletics Day, Newsletter and selected handbooks, Student Leadership Program, Peer Support Program, Locker Purchase, Sport Subsidy, Connect Assembly Program, Employ a Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Inter school sport affiliations, provision of college representative uniform, Employ a Maintenance Person, maintain & improve grounds, paint the college, update teaching spaces, IT program (maintenance, including internet, technical support and software), Presentation Nights and Careers Program.</i></p>	\$410
Tax deductible contributions	
<p>Building fund. <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i></p>	\$110
Total Amount	\$



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Educational items for students to own

Details on how to access the year level booklist from the college website via Champion Education's website will be provided. Items on the booklist can be purchased from Champion or other suppliers

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mount Eliza Secondary College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please make payment via Compass > Payment Centre

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – (Invoiced individually via Compass Events)	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>College Year Book – Ripple</i>	\$25	
<i>Combination Lock –required padlock for student locker</i>	\$25	
<i>Optional private music lessons:</i>		
• <i>Group Lesson (per semester)</i>	\$200	
• <i>Shared Lesson (per semester)</i>	\$345	
• <i>Private Lesson (per semester)</i>	\$600	
<i>Please Note: Additional school charges may arise during the year. For example: Sport excursions which are approximately \$10. We also anticipate that there may be 3-4 excursions planned during the year with an estimated cost between \$5 and \$40 each.</i>	Various	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Mount Eliza Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, payment \$225.00 is available to all families with a Health care card or Pension card
- Sustainable School Shop – online platform: Second Hand Textbooks and Uniforms

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



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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods

Our preferred method of payment is directly through the Compass Portal; however other methods of payment are available if required.

Dates: Payment is requested in full on 09/12/2022 or via 4 equal instalments 09/12/2022, 23/01/2023, 23/02/2023 & 23/03/2023 (these dates are set in Compass)

Alternatively come into the office to organise a Payment Plan asap (to be completed by 23/03/2023)

Existing Compass families: After 1st October you will be able to view your next years, Year 7 student

New families to Compass: You will receive your Compass login details closer to Orientation Day in December

Payment Plans are also available- (must be in agreeance with the school)

BPAY: (details as shown on your family statement), if unsure please call the office for the BPAY Biller Code and BPAY Reference Code

Direct Debit:

1. Deductions can be made via a credit card on the 20th of the month or
2. From your nominated bank account on the 15th of the month

Please complete a MESC Payment Deduction Form and return to the general office. Alternately this can be arranged over the phone or in person at the general office

3. You may start the deduction at any time suitable to you

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information

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Categorisation of parent payment requests – Secondary Schools

The information below is to be used as a reference guide for schools when deciding upon which category a parent payment item should be listed on the [Parent Payment Letter Template](#). The list covers a wide range of potential items and activities that should only be listed by schools when they have a demonstrated need related to their school goals. Further information regarding how schools can request parent payments can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy.

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.

- **General classroom materials and equipment** (e.g. shared classroom stationery, paper, posters/charts)
- **Subject specific materials and equipment** (e.g. materials for English, Mathematics, Language, Science, Art, Music, Technology, Food Technology, Health and Physical Education)
- **Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT** (e.g. devices owned by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance, and server/system costs)
- **Photocopying and printing for students** (e.g. printed workbooks in lieu of textbooks)
- **Curriculum activities** (e.g. excursions, incursions, camps, whole-school carnivals - including transport and entry)
- **Digital and online subscriptions for learning**
- **Assessments** (e.g. standardised tests, revision packages, external examinations)
- **Student ID cards**
- **Student planners**

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

- **Sports affiliation costs** (e.g. School Sports Victoria affiliation)
- **Student and parent communication tools**
- **Enhanced student support** (e.g. learning support programs, mentoring, coaching, tutoring, homework clubs, language conversation clubs)
- **Enhanced wellbeing support** (e.g. wellbeing programs, school counsellors, mental health practitioners)
- **Lockers/locker maintenance**
- **Engaging staff through local payroll** (e.g. groundskeepers, coaches, additional wellbeing and learning support staff)
- **School buildings and grounds maintenance and enhancement** (e.g. Building Fund)
- **Library maintenance and enhancement** (e.g. Library Fund)
- **Use and upkeep of specialised facilities on campuses** (e.g. gym equipment, recording studio)
- **First aid and hygiene costs**

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.

- **Optional items to keep** (e.g. yearbook, school photos, recording of school concert)
- **Optional Extra-Curricular Activities - school based** (e.g. camps, excursions, incursions, guest speakers, sport carnivals and events)
- **Optional Extra-Curricular Activities - outside of school hours** (e.g. formal, dance, social, graduation, award ceremonies)
- **Use of specialised school facilities after hours** (e.g. use of gym facilities)
- **Optional items within subjects** (e.g. students wanting to use mahogany wood and silver for Technology in lieu of the school's standard timber and metal)
- **Optional experiences within subjects** (e.g. Outdoor Education camp, science excursion)
- **Alternative curriculum programs** (e.g. Montessori, Steiner, Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate Diploma)
- **Private instrumental music lessons and instrument hire**
- **Entry into academic competitions**

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own. These items are sold by third party providers and can include **booklist items, textbooks, stationery, digital devices and peripherals, calculators, locks and fitted personal safety equipment**. If a student does not provide or purchase their own educational items, the school must ensure the student has free access to what is needed at school to access the school's delivery of the Curriculum