



2024 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 the college's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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'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>Visual Arts -\$132</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> • <i>Music - \$5</i> 	\$710
<p><i>Year 8 Online Subscription - Annually</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 - \$135</i> 	\$135
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>	<i>Various</i>	
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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MOUNT ELIZA SECONDARY COLLEGE

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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 09/12/2023 or via 4 equal instalments 09/12/2023, 23/01/2024, 23/02/2024 & 23/03/2024 (these dates are set in Compass).

Alternatively come into the office to organise a Payment Plan asap (to be completed by 23/03/2024).

Existing Compass families: After 1st November you will be able to view your next years, Year 7 student's details.

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 or from your nominated bank account.

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.

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.