



MOUNT ELIZA

SECONDARY COLLEGE

MESC PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

2026 Year 8

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 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

MESC has a proud history of using voluntary contributions to enhance the learning experience beyond the basic curriculum as outlined in the examples further below. We have held the Requested College Council Items contribution at the same amount since 2018 to ensure it remains a feasible way to positively influence our school and the programs we can offer. The support of our families helps us to provide the best education and opportunities possible for our students, we are most grateful for all the time volunteered, fundraising activities & contributions received. It makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we offer.

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 enable us to provide the best viable opportunities for all our 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 with 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
<i>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> • Connect – Papers & Booklets -\$20 • Design Technology – Fabrics, Threads, Wood & Metal, Drawing Equipment, Booklets - \$130 • Individual & Society – Software Program & Booklets -\$40 • Indonesian – Language Perfect Program & Booklets -\$50 • Language & Literature – Text Levy, Papers & Booklets -\$88 • Mathematics – Software Program & Booklets -\$70 • Visual Arts -Materials & Booklets - \$132 • Health & Physical Education – Fitness Testing, Resource Materials & Booklets -\$58 • Science – Software Subscription, Specimens, Cardboards, Construction Material, Playdough, Booklets, etc. -\$60	\$648
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Requested College Council Items</i> <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, Sport Subsidy, 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>	\$425
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$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 Campion Education's website will be provided. Items on the booklist can be purchased from Campion 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 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 – (<i>Invoiced individually via Compass Events</i>)	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>College Year Book – Ripple</i>	\$30	
<i>Combination Lock –required padlock for student locker</i>	\$25	
<i>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 \$15. 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 \$400.00 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:

Karen Carter

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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 11/12/2025 or via 4 equal instalments 11/12/2025, 28/01/2026, 28/02/2026 & 28/03/2026 (these dates are set in Compass).

Alternatively come into the office to organise a Payment Plan (Plans completed by 27/03/2026).

Existing Compass families: After 1st November you will be able to view your future student's details.

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

BPAY: Please call the office for the BPAY Biller Code and BPAY Reference Code.

Direct Debit:

1. Deductions can be made via a debit/credit card.

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 date and frequency 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.