

## 2023 Melbourne High School – Year 9 Parent Payment Arrangements



MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL  
A STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE  
ABN: 99 980 701 814

Dear Year 9 Parent/Guardian,

Melbourne High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. Melbourne High School has a strong tradition of scholarship and the provision of an educational program that provides depth, breadth, and challenge. Our programs are designed to allow high-ability students to be the best version of themselves that they can be.

***Our ethos is based on a philosophy that we are also more than just marks.*** The School's traditions are about developing students who are well-rounded persons, and not merely those who are well educated. Our programs cannot be delivered without your financial contributions. We welcome your support and wish to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

As per the Department of Education's policy, 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 in advance for your support, whether it will be through your voluntary financial contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This will make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; upgrading of classrooms; a vast extra-curricular program; faster WI-FI and internet.

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

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dr. Tony Mordini in black ink.

Dr. Tony Mordini  
Principal

Handwritten signature of Mr. Henry McLaughlin in black ink.

Mr. Henry McLaughlin  
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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	
<b>Subject consumables, materials, and activities.</b> Please make a contribution for those subjects that your child is studying.		
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>✓</b>
<b>Year 9 Core Subjects</b>		
Art – curriculum consumables	\$65	
Careers and Vocational Education – curriculum consumables, printing, booklets and guest speakers	\$45	
Civics and citizenship - excursions, guest speakers, resources and curriculum consumables	\$45	
Digital Access and Resources – computer applications; including Canvas, Compass, Vivi, Microsoft suite, Adobe suite, library digital subscriptions, research tools and resources, maintenance and photocopying	\$515	
English – photocopying and resources	\$45	
Geography – curriculum consumables and photocopying	\$35	
History – curriculum consumables and photocopying	\$30	
Intra-school Sport – curriculum consumables and compulsory house activities, equipment, hire of facilities (MSAC, Como Park, Lakeside Stadium- house athletics) and excursions	\$350	
Languages (French, German, Indonesian or Japanese) – curriculum consumables, printing and guest speakers	\$30	
Mathematics – curriculum consumables, resources and photocopying	\$60	
Music – curriculum consumables, resources, instruments, sheet music	\$40	
Personal Development – curriculum consumables, printing, which includes Respectful Relationships – curriculum consumables and guest speakers	\$45	
Philosophy – curriculum consumables including the booklet	\$20	
Physical Education and Health Development – curriculum consumables, equipment	\$40	
Science – laboratory equipment, materials and photocopying	\$65	
Singing – curriculum consumables, licences, printing and photocopying	\$25	
<b>Year 9 Electives</b>		
Digital Technology – curriculum consumables	\$30	
Media – materials and equipment	\$65	
Visual Communication Design - Industrial Design – curriculum consumables and equipment	\$65	
Visual Communication Design - Computer-Aided Design (CAD) – curriculum consumables and equipment	\$65	

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Dependent on the selection of subjects

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Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>Student Focused Interest Groups</i>            Each student is required to participate in a minimum of two student focused interest groups each year. (Eg. Orchestra, Chorale, Economics Club, Diplomacy Club, Cultural Groups, Baka anime, Soul Power, Photography Club, Railway Interest Group, etc)</p>	\$150
<p><i>Student resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student handbooks</li> <li>• Student ID card</li> <li>• Student planner</li> </ul>	\$55
<p><i>School Sports Victoria membership to participate on inter-school sports.            Equipment, hire of facilities and excursions.</i></p>	\$325
<p><i>Student wellbeing programs</i>            We support individual student wellbeing. This includes the engagement of external professionals on a needs basis. Your contribution supports us in developing our knowledge of the many different student needs and the best approach to assist them and their families.</p>	\$450
<p><i>First aid</i>            The school provides a qualified nurse and first aid consumables to treat students and meet student health needs when at school, on excursion and camp.</p>	\$50
<p><i>School grounds maintenance and improvements, to keep the school looking its best</i></p>	\$300
<p><i>Whole school events - Chorals, Speech Night, school productions, musical productions</i></p>	\$175
<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<p><b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</p>	\$350
<p><b>Library fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</p>	\$200
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Melbourne High School 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 standard Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities <i>Will be invoiced through Compass Events as permission and payment is required for participation</i>	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>Australian Air Force Cadets (participants only) – Year 9 only</i>	\$425	
<i>Australian Army Cadets (participants only) – Year 9 only</i>	\$475	
<i>Australian Army Cadets (participants only) – Year 10, 11 &amp; 12</i>	\$600	
<i>Debating (participants only) - Year 9-12</i>	\$100	
<i>Instrumental Music - Ensemble, various instruments and voice</i>	\$750	
<i>Robotics (participants only – Year 9, 10 &amp; 11</i>	\$190	
<i>Rowing (participants only) plus camps and excursion costs Year 9 Term 1 \$350, Term 2 \$400, Term 3 \$400, Term 4 \$ 600</i>	\$1750	
<i>Rugby (participants only) – Year 9 &amp; 10</i>	\$250	
<i>Water polo (participants only) plus camps &amp; excursion costs</i>	\$495	
<i>Millgrove Camp Year 9</i>	\$675	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

### Financial Support for Families

Melbourne High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- applications for some scholarships
- Payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the school for assistance. Ph: 03 9826 0711

### Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

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### **Payment methods**

Compass online Payment system

Flexible contribution options

### **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 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.