



MACCLESFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2026

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2026.

Our school has recognized the increase in household cost of living and have made a decision to **reduce** the school parent contributions for 2026 to \$180.00 per student.

Here at Macclesfield Primary School we provide a central supply of stationery and school supplies to each classroom and items will be shared and available to all children.

Parent/family contributions directly finance school/classroom supplies, allowing us to commit funds to other areas of school need.

Note on Payments – payments can be made at any time including part payments. Quarterly payments work out to be \$45 per Term

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule 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. 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.

For those families that have three or more children at the school, we only request a contribution for two of those students.

Please find attached Macclesfield Primary Schools voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2026, which includes an overview of what your contributions will go towards.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely



Andrew Bagnall
Principal



Katherine Walker
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading</i> • <i>Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</i> • <i>Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, textbooks, maths kits</i> • <i>English –Spelling Mastery Student Workbook, book boxes, class sets, novels, readers, textbooks,</i> • <i>Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers</i> • <i>Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials</i> • <i>Music – instruments, books, pens, markers and folders</i> • <i>Library – books, subscriptions</i> • <i>Japanese – books, shared classroom materials</i> • <i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i> 	\$180
Total Amount	\$
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs: (please nominate an amount)</i>	\$
<i>First Aid equipment: (please nominate an amount)</i>	\$
<i>School grounds mowing, maintenance and repairs: (please nominate an amount)</i>	\$
Total Amount	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Macclesfield Primary 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 Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis and include events such as camps and excursions. Further information regarding these events will be made available closer to their respective dates.

Financial Support for Families

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

- *the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to eligible Health Care Card holders*
- *Individual payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*
- *State Schools Relief*

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

Ph: 03 5968 4734 Email: yolanda.slykerman@education.vic.gov.au

Family Name:			
Student:	1.	Year level	
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
Curriculum Contributions			\$
Other Contributions			\$
TOTAL			\$

Payment methods

- *Cash*
- *EFTPOS*
- *Direct debit from your debit or credit card*
- *Direct deposit to the school's bank account:*
Commonwealth bank: 063-842 / 1003-6031
- *Quarterly Payments Available*

I authorise \$_____ to be charged to my Visa / MasterCard.

Details as follows:

NAME (as on card)											
CARD NO.											
SIGNATURE											
		VISA		MASTERCARD		EXPIRY DATE		____ Month ____ Year			

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.