November 2024

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mildura Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mildura Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music and physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Numeracy. We are also able to subsidise our additional programs and school events. All of these programs running alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs are imperative so as to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

If you would make a voluntary financial contribution to your student's learning, please refer to the information over the page. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview at the end of this document and on our website.

Yours sincerely,

David Midgley
Principal

Lynette Powell
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • *Art – paint, crayons, canvas, coloured paper, clay, textiles* • *STEM – science and technology resources* • *Mathematics – numeracy resources* • *English – book boxes, Kluwell My Home Reading journal* • *Sports – equipment* • *Music – instruments* • *Library – books*	$50.00
Online Subscriptions • *Literacy Apps* • *Maths Apps* • *Compass School Manager*	$20.00
ICT Devices • *provision of devices from the shared classroom sets* • *headphones for individual use*	$40.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	$10.00
• **Other Contributions -** for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
Student Wellbeing – books, games, sensory tools	$ 5.00
Whole school events – Harmony day, NAIDOC Day, school concert, assemblies, etc	$ 5.00
Total Amount	**$130.00**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mildura 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**Amount**	**Purchase (Please tick)**
School magazine/ yearbook	*$TBA*	
Optional school camp for years 2 - 6	*$TBA*	
Optional Grade 6 Polos	*$TBA*	
Optional Whole school photos	*$TBA*	
Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled	*$TBA*	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		**$**

Financial Support for Families

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

- *Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to eligible families*
- *School Savings Bonus*
- *Individual payment plans*
- *State Schools Relief*

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

Sarah Edlington, Business Manager

Ph: 03 5023 1851 Email: Sarah.Edlington@education.vic.gov.au

Your details:		
Student's name:	**Year level**	**$**
Curriculum Contributions		$
Other Contributions		$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		$
TOTAL		$

Payment methods

- *Cash*
- *EFTPOS*
- *BPAY*
- *CentrePay*
- *Direct debit from your debit or credit card*
- *Direct deposit to the school's bank account. Mildura Central Primary School -Commonwealth bank: 063-520 / 1010 4582. Please include your child's first and last name as a reference.*

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.