

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

Dear 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 2024.

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 for all your support, whether that's through voluntary financial contributions, 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 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,

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Dr. Tony Mordini Principal

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Unit	Amount	✓	
Year 11 Core Subjects			
Senior Intra-school Sport – curriculum consumables and compulsory house activities, equipment, hire of facilities (MSAC, Como Park, Lakeside Stadium-house athletics) and excursions	\$350		
Year 11 Electives	<u>.</u>	<u>.</u>	
Accounting – curriculum consumables and photocopying and access to trial exams	\$75		
Art : Making and Exhibiting – curriculum consumables and access to trial exams	\$165		
Biology - laboratory equipment, curriculum consumables and access to trial exams	\$110		
Business Management – resources, photocopying, curriculum consumables and access to trial exams	\$85		
Chemistry - laboratory equipment, curriculum consumables, and access to trial exams	\$110		
Computing – curriculum consumables and access to trial exams	\$45		
Economics – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$60		
English – photocopying, resources, curriculum consumables and access to trial exams	\$60		\$ Dependent op
English Language – photocopying, resources, curriculum consumables and access to trial exams	\$60		Dependent on the selection of subjects
Literature – curriculum consumables, photocopying, resources, and access to trial exams	\$60		
French – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$60		
Geography – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$60		
German – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$60		
History – curriculum consumables and photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$60		
Indonesian – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$60		
Japanese – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$60		
Legal Studies – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$85		
Mathematics – General – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$75		
Mathematics – Methods – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$75		
Mathematics – Specialist – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$75		
Music Performance – curriculum consumables, photocopying and access to trial exams	\$70		
Politics – curriculum consumables and photocopying and access to trial exams	\$60		
Philosophy – curriculum consumables and access to trial exams	\$60		

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Physical Education – curriculum consumables and equipment and access to trial exams	\$60		
Physics – equipment, resources, curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$110		
Psychology – curriculum consumables, photocopying, and access to trial exams	\$75		
Theatre Studies – hire of equipment, costumes, props, sets and printing of scripts and access to trial exams	\$155		
Visual Communication Design – curriculum consumables and equipment and access to trial exams	\$115		
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities			Amount
Student Focused Interest Groups, Student Leadership and development programs. Each student is required to participate in a minimum of two student focused interest (Eg. Orchestra, Chorale, Economics Club, Diplomacy Club, Cultural Groups, Baka anin Photography Club, Railway Interest Group, etc) Students are offered a range of leaded develop their personal and professional skills.	ne, Soul Pow	er,	\$150
Student resources <ul> <li>Student handbooks</li> <li>Student ID card</li> <li>Student planner</li> </ul>			\$55
School Sports Victoria membership to participate on inter-school sports.			\$325
Equipment, hire of facilities and excursions.			<b>J</b> JZJ
Student wellbeing and personal development programs		4	
We support individual student wellbeing. This includes the engagement of external professionals for each year level such as Toolbox, Respectful Relationships, Berry Steet program			\$450
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
First aid			
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.			\$50
School grounds maintenance and improvements, to keep the school looking its best			\$300
Whole school events - Chorals, Speech Night, school productions, musical productions			\$175
Tax deductible contributions		I	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and infrastructure.	maintenance	of school	
Melbourne High School Building Fund (Tax Deductible) OR			\$350
Acknowledgement on the Melbourne High School Building Fund Donor Board Bronze (\$1000) Silver (\$2000) Gold (\$5000)			
<b>Library fund</b> . A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.			\$200
Total Amount			\$

#### Educational items for students to own

Please see the Booklist for a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion for your child to individually own and use.

#### **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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase
Will be invoiced through Compass Events as permission and payment is required for participation		(Please tick)
Australian Air Force Cadets (participants only) – Year 10, 11 & 12	\$425	
Australian Army Cadets (participants only) – Year 10, 11 & 12	\$625	
Debating (participants only) - Year 9-12	\$100	
Instrumental Music – Instruments and Voice -includes lessons and ensemble membership (participants only)	\$850	
Hire of Instrument – available for a student who participates in Instrumental Music lessons	\$300	
Instrumental Music Ensemble – students participating who do not have Instrumental music lessons at school	\$100	
Robotics (participants only – Year 9, 10 & 11	\$250	
Rowing (participants only) includes coaching. camps and excursion costs additional. Year 10, 11 & 12	\$2600	
Term 1 \$750, Term 2 \$550, Term 3 \$550, Term 4 \$750		
Rugby (participants only) includes coaching-Year 11 & 12	\$400	
Water polo (participants only) includes coaching. camps & excursions costs additional	\$495	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	·	\$

#### **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 Business Manager for assistance. Ph: 03 9826 0711

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$

Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
TOTAL	\$

### **Payment methods**

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Melbourne High School. Parents are strongly encouraged to contribute to these funds, which are listed on Compass. Payment can be made on Compass or at the General Office.

Payments can be made by instalments and can be set up on Compass to be debited from a credit card account in instalments should parents wish to take up this option. For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

## 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**



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# 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 noncurriculum 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.