

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

Mr. Henry McLaughlin School Council President

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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 | | |
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| 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 Student handbooks Student ID card Student planner | | | \$55 |
| School Sports Victoria membership to participate on inter-school sports. | | | \$325 |
| Equipment, hire of facilities and excursions. | | | J 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 | |
| Building fund. 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) | | | |
| Library fund . 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 |
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| 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 | \$ |
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| 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.