

2026 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 2026.

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 is through your financial voluntary 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,

Dr Tony Mordini
Principal

Mr. Grant Kelly
School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum			Amount
Subject consumables, materials, and activities. Please make a contribution for those subjects that your child is studying.			
Unit	Amount	✓	
Year 9 Core Subjects			
Art – curriculum consumables	\$80		
Careers and Vocational Education – curriculum consumables, printing, booklets, access to computer applications and guest speakers	\$60		
Civics and citizenship - excursions, guest speakers, resources and curriculum consumables	\$60		
English – curriculum consumables, photocopying and resources including access to trial exams	\$60		
Geography – curriculum consumables, photocopying,	\$50		
History – curriculum consumables, photocopying	\$45		
Junior 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 and access to trial exams	\$45		
Mathematics – curriculum consumables, resources, photocopying and access to trial exams	\$60		
Music – curriculum consumables, resources, instruments, sheet music	\$55		
Personal Development – curriculum consumables, printing, which includes Respectful Relationships – curriculum consumables and guest speakers	\$60		
Philosophy – curriculum consumables including the booklet and access to trial exams	\$35		
Physical Education and Health Development – curriculum consumables, equipment	\$60		
Science – laboratory equipment, curriculum consumables, photocopying and access to trial exams	\$80		
Singing – curriculum consumables, licences, printing and photocopying	\$40		
Year 9 Electives			
Digital Technology – curriculum consumables	\$35		
Media – curriculum consumables and equipment	\$70		
Visual Communication Design - Industrial Design – curriculum consumables and equipment	\$70		
Visual Communication Design - Computer-Aided Design (CAD) – curriculum consumables and equipment	\$70		

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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 groups each year. (E.g. Orchestra, Chorale, Economics Club, Diplomacy Club, Cultural Groups, Baka anime, Soul Power, Photography Club, Railway Interest Group, etc). Students are offered a range of leadership programs to develop their personal and professional skills.	\$150
Student resources • Student handbooks • Student ID card • Student planner	\$55
School Sports Victoria membership to participate on inter-school sports. Equipment, hire of facilities and excursions.	\$325
Digital Access and Resources – access to computer applications; including Canvas, Compass, Vivi, Microsoft suite, Adobe suite, library digital subscriptions, research tools and resources, maintenance and photocopying	\$515
Student wellbeing and personal development programs 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
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	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Melbourne High School Building Fund (Tax Deductible) OR Acknowledgement on the Melbourne High School Building Fund Donor Board ☐ Bronze (\$1000) ☐ Silver (\$2000) ☐ Gold (\$5000)	\$360
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.

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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)
Australian Air Force Cadets (participants only) – Year 9 only	\$425	
Australian Army Cadets (participants only) – Year 9 only	\$500	
Debating (participants only) - Year 9-12	\$100	
Instrumental Music – Instruments and Voice -includes lessons and ensemble membership (participants only)	\$900	
Hire of Instrument – available for a student who participates in Instrumental Music lessons at school	\$300	
Instrumental Music Ensemble – students participating who do not have school Instrumental music lessons at school	\$100	
Robotics (participants only) – Year 9	\$280	
Rowing (participants only) includes coaching, camps and excursion costs additional Term 1 \$400, Term 2 \$450, Term 3 \$450, Term 4 \$650	\$1950	
Rugby (participants only) includes coaching– Year 9 & 10	\$400	
Volleyball (participants only) includes coaching– Year 9 & 10	\$300	
Water polo (participants only) camps & excursion costs additional	\$495	
Millgrove Camp Year 9	\$710	
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	\$

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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

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.