

28 November 2024

Dear Mordialloc Beach Primary School Families,

Mordialloc Beach Primary School is looking forward to another wonderful year of teaching and learning and we take this opportunity to inform you Mordialloc Beach Primary School's voluntary financial contribution arrangements for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. It is the ongoing support of our families that ensures our school can offer the best possible education for our students. This can make an enormous difference to our school and the programs we are able to deliver. We want to thank you for all your support, whether it is through financial support, supporting our fundraising initiatives or volunteering your time.

Mordialloc Beach Primary School is a high performing academic school, and we are proud to offer our students a comprehensive, well-resourced, educational program. We continually strive for high standards across all aspects of our program and recognise the importance of providing the necessary resources to ensure the achievement of these goals.

The state government provides our school with a financial grant paid to the school in quarterly instalments to assist with the operational costs of running the school. This partially covers items such as cleaning, gas and electricity, water rates, facilities, telephone, furniture, buildings and grounds maintenance, administration, some curriculum support and staff professional development and learning.

Your contributions assist us to maintain, enhance and broaden the high quality educational programs our school community has come to expect. As such, Mordialloc Beach Primary School Council again invites your financial support.

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

To ensure accurate budgeting for the school year we would appreciate payment of your contribution by **Friday 28 February 2025**. Payment can now be made via **SENTRAL PAY**.

Yours sincerely,



Sue Leighton-Janse

Principal



Andi Kauer

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount Foundation to Year 2	Amount Year 3 to Year 6
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$40) • Science – resources (\$15) • Mathematics – resources (\$15) • English – resources (\$25) • Sports – equipment (\$20) • Classroom Consumables and materials (\$60) • Performing Arts / Music (\$15) • French (\$10) 	\$200	\$200
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment – Literacy & Numeracy • Mathletics (TBC) • Sentral (reporting) 	\$35	\$35
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets (Foundation, Year 1, Year2) app purchases and technology equipment (assessment & publishing)	\$40	\$10
Printing and photocopying of learning materials	\$45	\$45
Sub Total of Curriculum Contributions	\$320	\$290
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	Amount
Sports affiliation costs	\$0	\$10
Student wellbeing programs	\$20	\$20
First aid equipment/materials/training	\$20	\$20
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50	\$50
Library Contribution	\$15	\$15
Sub-Total of Other Contributions	\$105	\$115
Total Contributions	\$425	\$405

Educational items for students to own:

Please find a link below, which details the list of items that the school recommends you purchase online from Ka Ka Kids for your child to individually own and use. (Visit: www.booklistsmbps.com and enter code mbps1468.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis:

Mordialloc Beach Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the curriculum. In 2025 all additional extra-curricular activities such as camps, excursions and incursions will be payable by all attendees in advance of the event on a user-pays basis. Information will be published on Sentral for permission and payment for students to attend.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Excursions and Incursions to be scheduled – (Foundation to Year 6)	TBA
Camps – (Year 3-6)	TBA
Swimming Program – (Foundation to Year 6)	TBA
Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Program	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Financial Support for Families

Mordialloc Beach 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)*
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans*
- *Second hand uniform shop*
- *Schools Saving Bonus*

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

Belinda Cooper

Ph: 03 9580 1468 | Email: belinda.cooper@education.vic.gov.au

PAYMENT METHODS

Preferred method of payment is via SENTRAL PAY

BPAY – Please contact the office if you do not know your unique family Bpay details

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

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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.