

PARENT PAYMENTS 2022

15th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Mill Park Heights Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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. Therefore, we have revised the 2022 Booklist in line with the New Parent Payment Policy, ensuring only essential items are listed. 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 your support has always allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs at Mill Park Heights Primary School. Your financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of resources that support our exemplary programs.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached and further information is available at www.millparkhtsps.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

Chris Beare



Principal

Peter Tanevski



School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

Take home Book Pack	These are the items covered by the Booklist 2022 to be collected, and brought back to school on the first day 2022			
Broad description only - Contents listed in each year level Book Pack. Some items will be handed out by the teacher.	For example: Scrap books, exercise books, stationery supplies, THRASS chart, computer headphones and student diaries (Years 3-6)	F-2	3-5	6
		\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 35
Bulk Classroom Supplies	Coloured and cover paper, glue stick, stickers, glitter, post-it notes, laminating sheets, class set stationery.			
Broad description only as varies across year levels		50	50	50
Educational Software purchased for whole school use	Reading Eggs/Brainpop/Ziptales/ Enchanted Learning/Maths Mentality/Maths 300, Code Monkey, iPad apps, etc.			
		15	15	15
Annual Literacy Performance	Alpha Show (Year Foundation - 5)			
		10	10	
Transition - Values for Life	Year 6 only			
				10
Art resources & Incursion (F-6)	eg. Art Folios, Visiting Artist			
		10	10	10
Curiosity & STEM resources	Bluebots, Makey Makey, Spiro Balls, Cameras, Microscopes			
		15	15	15
ICT resources	Ipad, PCs, Class Netbooks, Sphero, Cubetto Robotics, Osmo			
		10	10	10
Library resources	eg Library Books, Audio Equipment			
		10	10	10
Literacy resources	eg Home reading books, class sets			
		10	10	10
Maths resources	eg Protractors, Dice, Counters			
		10	10	10
Physical Education resources	Includes Athletics Carnival F-6			
		10	10	10
	TOTAL BOOKLIST 2022	180	185	185

Other Curriculum Contributions

A swimming program is conducted at the local facility for all year levels during the year. Dates, times and contribution requests to be advised during the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mill Park Heights Primary 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Payment will be requested as required throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Graduation Items and Magazine	TBA
Optional school Camps (Year 4-6)	TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Centrepay
- Flexible Payment Arrangements
- Refer to website for further services. <https://millparkhtsps.vic.edu.au/payments/>

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Leeann Ferris (Finance Officer) in the school office on 9436 8866 or leeann.ferris@education.vic.gov.au or Nat Kennan (Business Manager) if you prefer.

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.

<https://millparkhtsps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/MPHPS-Refund-Policy-1.pdf>

COMPASS IS OUR PREFERRED METHOD FOR PAYMENT

<https://millparkhtsps.vic.edu.au/compass/>

Other methods of payment are EFTPOS, BPAY or cash either via phone or at the School Office.

BOOK PACK COLLECTION DAY – GYMNASIUM

MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2021

8:45AM – 11:00AM &

2:30PM – 5:00PM

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

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.