

PARENT PAYMENTS 2024

13th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mill Park Heights Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. We would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time.

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 2024 to be collected, and brought back to school on the first day 2024			
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
		\$45	\$45	\$45
Bulk classroom supplies Broad description only as varies across year levels	Coloured and cover paper, glue sticks, stickers, glitter, post-it-notes, laminating sheets, class set stationery.	\$35	\$40	\$40
Educational software purchased for whole school use	Reading Eggs/Brainpop/Ziptales/Enchanted Learning, Code Monkey, Ipad apps etc	\$15	\$15	\$15
Annual Literacy Performance	Alpha Show (Foundation - Year 5)	\$10	\$10	
Transition - Values for Life	Year 6 Only			\$10
Art resources & Incursion (F-6)	eg. Art Folios, Visiting Artist	\$10	\$10	\$10
STEM Resource Centre (Includes Library & Technology)	eg. Ipad, PC's, Class Netbooks, 3D Printers, Green Screen & Camera, Sphero, Cubetto Robotics, Osmo, Bluebots, Makey Makey, Spiro Balls, Cameras, Microscopes, Library Books and 3D Ink Cartridges	\$40	\$40	\$40
Literacy resources	eg. Home Reading books, class sets,	\$10	\$10	\$10
Maths resources	eg. Protractors, Dice, Counters, Subscriptions - Maths 300, Essential Assesment	\$10	\$10	\$10
Physical Education resources	F-2 Covers ribbons, equipment and an accessory in the students house colour.	\$10		
	Year 3-6 Covers the cost of buses, venue hire and ribbons, held at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium		\$10	\$10
Whole School Events	Indigenous Celebration and Science week	\$10	\$10	\$10
TOTAL BOOKLIST 2024		\$195	\$200	\$200

Other Curriculum Contributions

Swimming

A swimming program is conducted for all year levels during the year. The Department of Education requires all students to attend the swimming program. Every student will attend the pool and those who are not swimming will complete a water safety booklet.

In previous years this program was subsidised by a special departmental Swimming grant. We are hopeful this program will be subsidised in 2024, to be confirmed in 2024.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/physed/Pages/swimmingsafety.aspx>

InterSchool Sports (ISP) & Alternative Sports Program (ASP) - Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 students participate in either the Interschool Sports or the Alternative Sports Program.

Students trial for Interschool Sport Teams such as Netball, Cricket and Volleyball in Term 1 and Soccer, AFL, Lawn Bowls, and Teeball in Term 2. Students successful in being selected in a team, compete weekly against other schools in the Bundoora District. Some games are played at home (Mill

Park Heights) and students travel by bus to away games at other schools. The selection process is based on student interest, performance during trials and physical education and adhering to the school values. Should any ISP teams make Division, Region or Sate finals, additional costs will be incurred to cover transport and entry fees.

Students that are not selected in an Interschool Sport Team, or choose not to trial for one, participate in ASP. In this program, students participate in clinics run by local sporting clubs and companies such as Football Star Academy, PIT Gymnastics and Vassalo Tennis. Where these clinics cannot be held on school grounds, students travel by bus to and from the venue, such as PIT Gymnastics. All students in ASP rotate to a different clinic each week.

Estimated cost is \$95 per child.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Incursions/Excursions

Throughout the year we aim to offer a minimum of one incursion/excursion per term. Costs vary depending upon location and complexity of the event.

ESTIMATED 2024 CAMPING PROGRAM (Below is based on 2023 Program, 2024 to be Finalised)		AMOUNT
Foundation	Breakfast at school in pyjamas with their teachers and classmates	\$5*
Year 1	School disco or a similar experience	\$5*
Year 2	Fun Day	\$10*
Year 3	School Sleepover Experience	\$20*
Year 4 & 5 Camp (22nd – 24th July 2024)	The Island (Cowes) (3 days/2nights)	\$355*
Year 6 Camp (21st – 23rd October 2024)	Oasis Mt Evelyn (3 days/2nights)	\$335*
YEAR 6 - GRADUATION		
	Graduation Signature Bears/Balls	\$16*
	Graduation Magazine	\$22*

*Prices to be confirmed for 2024

NETBOOK PROGRAM YEARS 3-6

Our 2024 Year 3 students will be given the opportunity to participate in the 1:1 Netbook Program. The program will enable your child to receive the latest education tool – a portable Netbook to use at school and home.

Learning with Technologies is the netbook supplier. Netbooks can be ordered through the online order portal via the school website. <https://millparkhtsps.vic.edu.au/1-1-netbook-program>

If you should require any assistance, please contact our IT Department at school 9436 8866.

The Netbook Program is a part of our commitment to equip young people with the skills they will need in the future.

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:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Centrepay
- Flexible Payment Arrangements
- Refer to website for further services. <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

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/2023/04/Refund-Policy-2023.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

WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2023

8:45 AM – 11:00 AM

&

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

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.