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Dear Parents/Guardians

Myrniong Primary School are looking forward to another year of working with our families to support our students on their educational pathway. To support the school in broadening the opportunities that we offer our students we would like to advise you of our Voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

These financial contributions provide us with the opportunity to deliver an extensive classroom and specialist program. In 2023, contributions from our families allowed us to purchase new robots for our STEM program, provide engaging opportunities for our students in our Visual Art program e.g. our grade 5/6 students in designing a skateboard, and purchasing equipment for our classrooms, for our students to use during their learning in mathematics. We have been able to engage expert coaches in our Physical Education program and offer a successful Japanese immersion day that was enjoyed by all of our students and purchase class sets of novels that have enhanced our literacy programs. Parent financial contributions have allowed us to invest in a set of drums for our Drumbeat program and purchase resources to support our students with their social and emotional needs in the classroom.

The Parent contributions have supported us in offering a 1:1 iPad program across all of our classrooms. Taking the burden off parents of purchasing and maintaining an Apple device.

The contributions that you make towards our buildings and grounds have allowed us to maintain our green spaces to ensure that they are engaging and safe for our students. We have been able to purchase furniture to furnish our new outdoor classroom (to be completed in 2023) and increase the storage capabilities across the school to house all of our new resources.

The Victorian Government provides students with free instruction and free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the delivery of the standard curriculum requirements of the Victorian Curriculum F-10. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer opportunities for our students that have never before been offered. We want to thank you for your support in providing these contributions to our school whether through parent payments, fundraising, volunteering or all of these.

Yours Sincerely

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
	\$220
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment (this will include all stationery, books, pencils, pens, erasers, glue sticks. Etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$18) • Science – Equipment & Resources (\$25) • Mathematics – Equipment & Resources (\$25) • English – Equipment & Resources (\$30) • LOTE (Japanese) – Equipment & Resources (\$15) • P.E & Sports – equipment (\$10) • Classroom – Equipment & Resources (\$55) 	\$178.00
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$40
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Athletics carnival (Sports Day)– entry</i> 	\$2
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$220

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$2
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$3
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$5
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$30



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Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use. **We will be providing**, pens, pencils, activity book, exercise books, book bags etc, all of your pencil case items.

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

Myrniong Primary 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year and are to be paid prior to the start of the event.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>To be paid when invoiced prior to event</i>	
<i>Student Diary (to be collected from school) once paid for</i>	\$ 5.00
<i>These prices will be confirmed through the year</i>	
<i>Grade 5/6 Camp (September 2024 – Phillip Island) (\$400 approx.)</i>	
<i>Grade 3 /4 Camp Cave Hill Creek (\$350 approx.)</i>	
<i>Foundation Camp (Day) \$25 (approx.)</i>	
<i>Grade 1 Dinner/Disco \$30 (approx.)</i>	
<i>Grade 2 Sleepover \$30 (approx.)</i>	
<i>Swimming</i>	
Excursions, Incursions	
School Photos (Term 1) - ordering and payment done online direct through photographer.	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$5.00

Financial Support for Families

Myrniong 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)
The Victorian Government has again committed to providing eligible students with Camps, Sports & Excursion funds (CSEF). These funds are paid to the school to use towards excursions, incursions and camps for eligible students. To be eligible for the funding, a parent or legal guardian must be the holder of a current Healthcare card or Pension card or be a temporary foster parent on the first day of Term 1 or Term 2. Parents who are eligible for CSEF will be required to complete a CSEF application form and submit it to the office as early as possible in 2024. Applications close at the end of Term 2, 2024.



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- State Schools Relief (SSR) – provide uniform support for Prep students who are CSEF recipients. Please see the State School Relief page on the Department of Education and Training website or see the office for more information.
- Payment plans are available for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – see the office for more information.

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

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Total

Curriculum Contributions	\$220
Other Contributions	\$ 30
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (will be invoiced at time of event)	\$ 5
Total	\$255

Payment methods

BPAY (your individual reference number is on your family statement or available from the school)

EFT (Either over the phone or in person at the school)

CASH (Directly to the school office in a sealed named envelope)

COMPASS

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.]

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) 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.