



**MILDURA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
A Positive Education School

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Dear parent/guardian,

Mildura South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 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, special curriculum experiences such as our outdoor education program and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Marie-Therese Milani.  
School Principal.

Jonathon Belej.  
School Council President.

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$12)</i></li> <li>• <i>Outdoor Education (\$20)</i></li> <li>• <i>Mathematics (\$28)</i></li> <li>• <i>Literacy (\$42)</i></li> <li>• <i>Sports – equipment (\$12)</i></li> <li>• <i>LOTE – Italian (\$10)</i></li> </ul>	<b>\$125</b>
<i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Literacy – Sunshine online; Decodable readers; Reading Doctor (\$20)</i></li> <li>• <i>Maths – M.A.V; Maths online (\$15)</i></li> <li>• <i>Class apps – Twinkl Teacher; Typing Tournament; Science software; (\$5)</i></li> </ul>	<b>\$40</b>
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	<b>\$120</b>
<i>Swimming and water safety program – funded</i>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$295</b>
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	<b>\$4</b>
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	<b>\$20</b>
<i>First aid equipment</i>	<b>\$13</b>
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	<b>\$140</b>
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$177</b>

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

Mildura South 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.

*The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.*

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Musical performances: Eisteddfod/The Beat</i>	\$TBA
<i>Outdoor experiences - To be advised</i>	\$TBA
<i>Interschool sports program</i>	\$TBA
<i>Excursion to be scheduled</i>	\$TBA
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$TBA</b>

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

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

*Marie-Therese Milani (Principal)*

Ph: 03 50232148 Email: [MarieTherese.Milani@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:MarieTherese.Milani@education.vic.gov.au)

Chris Callipari (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 50232148 Email: [Christina.Callipari@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Christina.Callipari@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$295.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$177.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$472.00</b>

**Payment methods**

1. Cash or Eftpos at the school office or by phone 50232148.
2. BPAY: Biller Code 87361 Ref: Quote relevant reference number from your Family Statement
3. Direct Deposit to Account Name: Mildura South Primary School Official Account  
BSB: 063520 Account No: 10141439 (include students surname in reference section)

**Refunds**

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have been already paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camps costs where a child becomes unwell and cannot attend, costs cannot be refunded to the school by a third party. Where possible, the school will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

# 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.