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Dear Parents and Carers,

Malvern Valley Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Malvern Valley Primary School's Parent Payment Policy for 2023.

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 and parent payments of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We would like to thank you for your support, whether that's through curriculum contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a difference to our school and the programs we can offer your children.

Furthermore, your support allows us to widen our offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

Enclosed are the following:

- Parent Payment 2023 information
- a one-page overview of the Department's Parent Payments Policy. For more details go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/costs-fees-and-funding>

## **PARENT PAYMENTS**

Costs of materials including student stationery, online subscriptions to learning activities, art supplies, materials for science, inquiry, and all other specialist classes.

## **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - FOR NON-CURRICULUM ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Malvern Valley Primary School Council is extremely appreciative of the generosity of parents who support the school through the voluntary contributions (non-curriculum items and activities). This contribution is targeted at provision of student wellbeing and first aid, reading materials and grounds development.

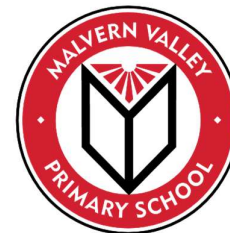
If you have financial hardship and require a parent payment arrangement, please contact the school to arrange an appointment with the Principal, Tracy Skiba to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Skiba | Principal

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## PARENT PAYMENTS

### Prep to Year 6 - 2023

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<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>Annual Amount</b>
items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
These items or services are essential to support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program. Costs of materials including classroom printed materials, student owned stationery, online subscriptions to learning activities, ICT resources, art supplies, materials for science, inquiry, and all other specialist classes.	\$390
Grade 5 and 6 Interschool Sports Entry and transport to 2023 Sports events	\$TBC
Curriculum Excursions and Incursions Costs and permissions communicated at the start of each term	approx. \$100
Grade 3-6 Camps program Costs and permissions communicated during 2023 as per Camps and Excursions policy	\$TBC
<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Malvern Valley 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. For example, District Sport and Ski Camp.	As per activity to be charged in 2023
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - NON-CURRICULUM ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Voluntary contributions are specifically targeted at student wellbeing and first aid, reading materials and grounds development.	\$120

#### Payment methods

To support families with their planning, below is a proposed schedule:

- OPTION 1 Payment in full by Monday 30th January 2023 - Students return to school
- OPTION 2 Three instalments, proposed as follows:
- Instalment 1 \$150 – Monday 30/01/2023
  - Instalment 2 – \$150 Wednesday 27/04/2023
  - Instalment 3 \$90 – Tuesday 27/07/2023

# 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.