

2024 Parent Payments

Dear parent/guardian,

Malvern Central School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Malvern Central 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'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, this support has allowed us to provide quality teaching and learning programs with the ongoing development of innovative and vibrant learning environments and to support the provision of extra resources to be purchased or accessed by students. This funding ensures the high community expectation of the school can be met and continued high levels of achievement are attained.

We are grateful and appreciate the generous voluntary contributions received from our engaged parent community which allows us to create a more conducive learning environment.

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

We acknowledge that many families continue to feel the impact of increased cost of living expenses so as a gesture of goodwill to our community, Parent Payments have not been increased for 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Imogen Lippiatt
Principal

Andrew Perks
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Improved classroom consumables, materials & equipment (including but not limited to)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p><i>Stationery and other consumables for the classrooms (\$240.00)</i> Flat file, document wallet, zip pockets, coloured markers set, coloured pencils set, crayon set, whiteboard marker, learner/graphite pencils, sharpener, scissors, erasers, ruler, glue sticks / PVA glue, activity books, scrapbooks, ruled exercise books, dotted-thirds books, exercise books, little whiteboard, display books, highlighter sets, HB pencils, ballpoint pens, protractor, maths grid book, graph paper books, photocopying for the classroom, coloured paper, assorted craft supplies</p> <p><i>Additional Literacy and Numeracy consumables (\$35.00)</i> Reader/class book sets, book boxes, calculators, maths kits and resources</p> <p><i>Stationery and Consumables for science, cooking and inquiry (\$55.00)</i></p> <p><i>Stationery and consumables for the specialist subjects, including Performing Arts, Japanese, Physical Education and Visual Arts (\$85.00)</i> Classroom consumables, sporting equipment, specialist specific learning materials and immersive experience equipment</p> 	\$415.00
<p><i>Extra Digital Subscriptions and Assessments for Online Standardised testing (\$95.00)</i> Mathletics, Reading Eggs, BrainPOP, Nelson Readers Subscription, Kahoot, Seesaw, Essential Assessment, Drama Note, SCIS Data, Inquisitive, Teacher Start, Twinkle, Soft Link Library, and other app licenses</p>	\$ 95.00
<p><i>Increased provisions and upkeep of school devices (\$80.00)</i> Enhanced digital learning opportunities for students including a 1 to 2 ratio of Chromebooks, iPads, classrooms touch screen TVs for teaching, device configuration, storage, replacement of broken or damaged equipment, upgrade of Wi-Fi through the school</p>	\$130.00
Total Amount	\$640.00
Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>More leased digital devices for students and parent communication tools</i> Compass communication systems and Kiosk, device maintenance, server/system costs, photocopiers</p>	\$ 50.00
<p><i>Quality first aid equipment, hygiene, and sanitation supplies for classrooms</i> Sanitation supplies for classrooms and students including sanitiser, hand wash, paper towel, antibacterial spray and disinfectant wipes, sunscreen, all first aid equipment for school and excursions</p>	\$ 30.00
<p><i>Student wellbeing programs / Enhanced student support and programs</i> Wellbeing programs for students in the classroom as well as specialised programs, leadership programs, Student Voice and Agency, Literacy and Numeracy student support programs</p>	\$ 35.00
Total Amount	\$115.00
Tax-deductible contributions	
<p>Building Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested Amount \$150.00</p>	
<p>Library Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested Amount \$50.00</p>	
Total Suggested Amount	\$200.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities- provided on a user-pay basis

Malvern Central 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.

Financial Support for Families

Malvern Central 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
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- School Council approved Principal's Discretionary Fund

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

Imogen Lippiatt

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Totals

Category	Suggested Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 640.00
Other Contributions	\$ 115.00
	(Non-tax deductible)
	(Tax-deductible)
	Suggested \$200.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Pay as you go

Payment Methods

The 2024 Parent Payments for Malvern Central School can be accessed on Compass via the 'Payment Centre' on the Web Browser and App.

We would request for families to select your payment option in the Compass parent portal by Monday 26 February 2024, so the school can budget accordingly to provide additional provisions and resources for students. Your financial contributions ensure the high community expectation of the school can be met and continued high levels of achievement are attained.

The following payment options are available to families choosing to contribute to the school:

Option 1 Lump sum payment of contribution requested by Monday 26 February 2024.

Option 2 A flexible contribution option is available through Compass for families via 4 instalments throughout the year, 1 per school term.

Malvern Central School also continues to welcome your additional voluntary contributions throughout 2024.

Your support of your child's education is greatly appreciated and will enable Malvern Central School to continue to be at the forefront of educational provision.

If you require information on government financial assistance or any assistance with the payment of the 2024 Recurring Contributions on Compass, please contact the General Office.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis.

If Extra-Curricular Items and Activities, Excursion or Camp have been paid for which is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances e.g., snap lockdown, families will receive a credit on their account for the total paid. Family credits will be put towards any future events/camps, including those happening the following year. Where an event is missed credits are worked out on a case-by-case basis. Upon a family's exit from the school, they will be personally contacted to discuss any credits they may have on their account.

Refunds are worked out on a case-by-case basis and will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred by the school, the Department's Parent Payment 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 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.