



**MACLEOD
COLLEGE**

*Inspiring and Supporting
every child*

November 2023

Dear Families,

2024 - Year 10

Macleod College is looking forward to another great year of learning and educational experience and would like to advise you of Macleod College's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum. Although contributions are voluntary, the ongoing financial support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Our school only requests contributions for items that we believe add value to the school experience for students.

Macleod College proudly delivers a rounded, comprehensive, and inclusive program that caters to the learning and wellbeing needs of all our students. This program relies on your ongoing voluntary financial support to provide for the standard curriculum and additional educational and physical resources.

We thank families for their support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our College and the programs we can offer.

Within our College, this support has allowed us to provide:

- an enhanced offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences including updated resources for new and exciting Year 10 Enlighten Program and VCE subject offerings;
- Holistic Health & Nutrition Days for students;
- enhanced digital learning opportunities including additional Careers Virtual Reality headsets;
- new seating in Theatre and Hall areas;
- continuous improvement of our College communication systems, website updates, Compass Education;
- new outdoor and indoor seating and refurbished classrooms, ongoing student locker maintenance;
- student lunchtime activities - sports, dance and other clubs;
- and much, much more.

For further information on the 2024 Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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ACHIEVE RESPECT CONNECT

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
'Enlighten Program': Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Science – chemicals, organic materials, etc (\$45) ● Health and Physical Education - equipment (\$35) 	\$80
Whole school activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Swim Carnival - entry & transport (\$30) ● Athletics Carnival - entry & transport (\$30) 	\$60
Printing and photocopying learning materials	\$20
Online tools/subscriptions & ICT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Careers Tools & Virtual Reality Career Resources subscriptions (\$50) ● IT maintenance and systems costs (\$35) 	\$85
Year 10	\$245
Elective Curriculum Contributions (resources and materials supplied)	
Drama	\$20
Food - Gourmet Traveller	\$115
Materials, Design and Wood Technology	\$50
Media	\$30
Visual Communication	\$20
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Victorian & District Affiliation Fees	\$10
Student Services Contribution: any contributions will be dispersed evenly across these items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Wellbeing support programs – wellbeing programs, mental health practitioner ● Enhanced Student Support – homework clubs, mentoring & coaching ● Student and Parent communication tools ● First Aid and provision of First Aid operative ● Locker Hire & Maintenance 	\$155
General Contribution: School grounds maintenance and other improvements. This allows for employment of a Maintenance team as well as maintaining school grounds for outdoor learning spaces, library and other educational resources.	\$120

Educational items for students to own: Below is a list of items required to be purchased from third party providers for your child to individually own and use.	Amount
School Uniform: available online from Noone Imagewear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform Policy/Handbook 	Per website
Textbooks & Resources: available online from North of the Yarra	Per online booklist
Education Perfect Subscription: listed on booklist, payable via Compass	\$67
Style Science Subscription: listed on booklist, payable via Compass	\$30
Learning Planner: listed on booklist, payable via Compass	\$20
BYOD device program: available from Learning With Technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BYOD Program Information 	\$630 - \$1800
Student ID Card First card is complimentary. Any replacements are to be ordered directly through your Compass Parent Portal	Per Compass

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Macleod College 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities: <i>User-pays basis – payable via 'Compass'</i>	Amount
Optional School Dunvegan magazine	\$25
Year 10 Gold Coast Camp: to be confirmed and advised via Compass Events * CSEF Funding available to eligible Students	TBC
Other Year 10 Excursions and Incursions: to be scheduled and paid via Compass Events * CSEF Funding available to eligible Students	TBC
Interschool Sports Program: to be scheduled and advised via Compass Events * CSEF Funding available to eligible Students	\$20 per event
Optional Music Academy Program P-12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Tuition P-12 (40 mins) Students Studying VCE Music (60 mins) 2nd Instrument Tuition Instrument Hire (per instrument; dependent on availability of instruments) Piano / Drum Maintenance Extra Activities: camps, excursions & external exams 	\$700 \$350 \$250 \$190 TBA

Financial Support for Families

Macleod College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- [CSEF](#) - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides support for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions
- State Schools' Relief (SSR) support for clothing/uniforms
- Wellbeing Support
- Second-hand Uniform Shop
- Community Support options
- Modified payment plans

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact Nina Nigro, Business Manager; nina.nigro@education.vic.gov.au for a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or JoAnne McBain, Accounts; accounts@macleod.vic.edu.au to make alternative payment arrangements.

Payment Methods

Financial payment or contribution by families is critical to maintaining the quality of education, student services and school environment.

2024 Curriculum and Other Contributions, plus Extra-Curricular Items and Activities associated with your child/children are payable via the **Compass Payments Centre**.

Option 1 – Pay in Full

Curriculum and Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular payments can be made in full from **17 November 2023** via Compass Payments Centre, by phone or in person at Reception.

Option 2 – Payment Plan

Curriculum and Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular payments have been dispersed over the year, with the first instalment date as of **17 November 2023**.

Option 3 – Modified Payment Plan

A modified payment plan can be set up for weekly, fortnightly or other. Families with more than one student may request to set up only one plan instead of multiple plans. Please contact JoAnne McBain, Accounts, on accounts@macleod.vic.edu.au for assistance.

Refunds

Parent/carer requests for refunds are subject to the College discretion and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the College 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.

Macleod College refund policy does not allow for cash refunds. All approved refunds will be credited to the family account to be used for any future expenses.

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.