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COLLEGE**

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every child*

Dear Families

## 2024 - Year Prep – 06

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,

*Mario Panaccio*  
Principal

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School Council President

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<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
E-Learning subscriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Eggs (\$25)</li> <li>• Mathletics (\$30)</li> </ul>	\$55
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Supplies (\$25)</li> <li>• Educational Resources &amp; Supplies (\$25)</li> <li>• STEM Materials (\$20)</li> <li>• Reading Books (\$25)</li> </ul>	\$95
Whole school activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swim Carnival - entry &amp; transport (\$30)</li> <li>• Athletics Carnival - entry &amp; transport (\$30)</li> </ul>	\$60
ICT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT maintenance and systems costs</li> </ul>	\$20
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$230</b>
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Student Services Contribution: contributions will be dispersed evenly across these items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Wellbeing support programs – wellbeing programs, mental health practitioner (\$35)</li> <li>• Sports Affiliation costs – School Sports Victoria (\$10)</li> <li>• Student and Parent communication tools (\$35)</li> <li>• First Aid and provision of First Aid operative (\$35)</li> </ul>	\$115
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

<b>Educational items for students to own:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from third party providers for your child to individually own and use.	
School Uniform: available online from <a href="#">Noone Imagewear</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Uniform Policy/Handbook</a></li> </ul>	Per website
Textbooks: available online from <a href="#">North of the Yarra</a>	Per online booklist
BYOD device program (Years 05-12): available from <a href="#">Learning With Technologies</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">BYOD Program Information</a></li> </ul>	\$630-\$1800

### 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 in order 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
Camps / Special Programs: to be scheduled and advised via Compass Events *CSEF Funding available to eligible Students	TBA
Interschool Sports Program: to be scheduled and advised via Compass Events *CSEF Funding available to eligible Students	TBC
Excursions and incursions: to be scheduled and advised via Compass Events *CSEF Funding available to eligible Students	TBA
Optional <b>Music Academy Program P-12:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Music Tuition P-12 (40 mins)</li><li>● Students Studying VCE Music (60 mins)</li><li>● 2<sup>nd</sup> Instrument Tuition</li><li>● Instrument Hire (per instrument)</li><li>● Piano / Drum Maintenance</li><li>● Extra Activities: camps, excursions &amp; external exams</li></ul>	\$700 \$800 \$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](mailto:nina.nigro@education.vic.gov.au) for a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or JoAnne McBain, Accounts; [accounts@macleod.vic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:accounts@macleod.vic.edu.au) for assistance.

### **Refunds**

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the College's 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.