



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT:
**UPDATE ON
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FUNDING**



Respect

Integrity

Resilience

Community

Creativity

Success

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Why McKinnon needs your continued financial support

McKinnon Secondary College is one of the best public schools in Victoria. In fact, for the last two years our VCE results have ranked us as the top non-select entry government school in the state! Over many years we have developed an exceptional teaching and learning program delivered by dedicated staff, and

have built a strong partnership with families. We know families choose McKinnon because we provide extensive opportunities for learning, value academic rigour, support student wellbeing, and always encourage students to do their best. Our goal is for students to thrive and achieve success and we know families share these high

expectations. However, without the financial support of our families, many aspects of our educational programs and resources will have to be reduced or discontinued.

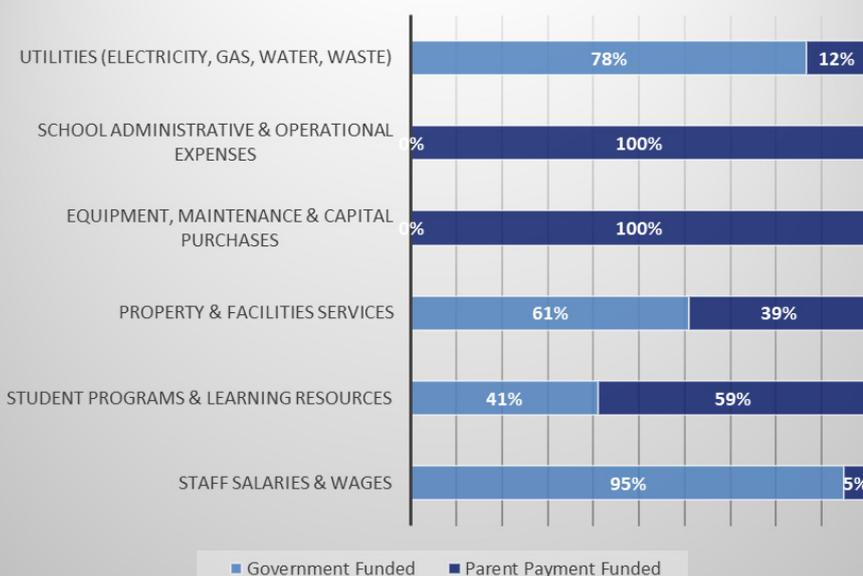
Government funding shortfall

All Victorian Government schools receive base funding per student, known as the *Student Resource Package* (SRP), which allows them to deliver the standard Victorian Curriculum. But at McKinnon, we pride ourselves on providing a far more extensive educational experience for students. It is a core reason why we are one of

the top-performing schools in the state. The SRP model means there are significant shortfalls in funding our school's programs and operations. This means we are reliant on the support of families to deliver the exceptionally high-quality education experiences that our community has come to expect. The table below shows how

McKinnon allocates the funding we receive from both the government and parent payments.

How McKinnon spends its funding



Did you know that **over 95% of the government funding** we receive is spent on wages and school facilities (e.g. maintenance, cleaning, utilities). This leaves only a very small portion to fulfil the many other costs associated with running a high performing school.

How do your contributions help the school?

Over many years, funds raised through Parent Payments have had an enormous impact on the school and allowed us to deliver our high-quality teaching and learning program. In fact many of our ongoing services and educational opportunities rely solely on the financial contributions of families. Some examples include:

- Substantially faster and more reliable internet
- Specialised IT support team
- Extensive technology and multimedia infrastructure

- Investments in high-quality classroom materials, online resources, and innovative STEAM technologies
- Resourcing an array of clubs and co-curricular programs associated with sport, music, the arts
- Additional in-house Student Wellbeing Counsellors, Psychologists and Careers Advisors

In addition, Parent Payments have been used to fund many major

projects to ensure students have access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. A selection of examples are included on the following pages to illustrate the incredibly positive impact family's financial contributions have on the school community.

Changes to our Parent Payments and how can our families help?

In recent years there has been a significant reduction in the number of families making financial contributions to the school. As such, the School Council has made some changes to simplify and streamline the Parent Payments process. We have decided to introduce a standard amount for each year-level based on the relevant subject materials and programs specific to that course.

Moreover, we have introduced more payment options (e.g. monthly, per term, per semester, or in full) to provide flexibility for families. We have also refined the Compass Portal to just three items (see right) to make it easier to follow. These changes are designed to provide clarity and consistency around Parent Payments and support families to make contributions to the school.

1. Curriculum & Other Contributions
2. Tax Deductible Contribution (School Building and Infrastructure Fund)
3. Community Hardship Fund (to support vulnerable members of our community)

Thank you

McKinnon has always strived to provide all students with the best possible educational experience. We pride ourselves on delivering an exceptional teaching and learning program. This is made possible by

the generosity of our families and we thank all parents/carers for their ongoing support.



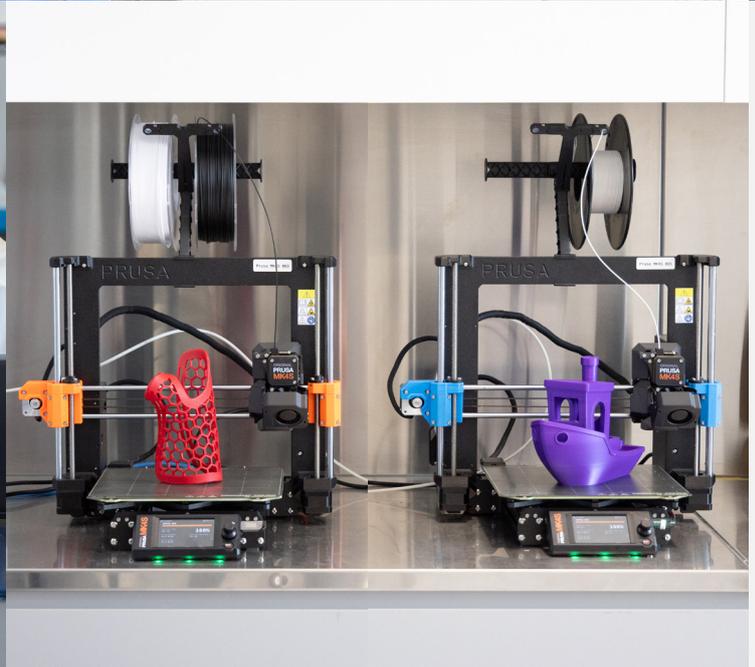
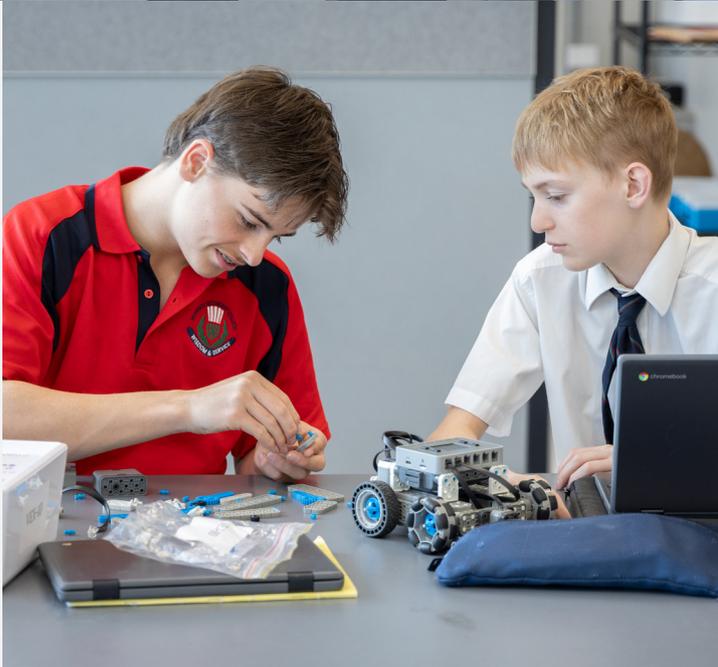
McKinnon Road Campus - Oval Gymnasium

In 2022 we opened our brand new gym at the back of the McKinnon Road Campus. For a school our size we desperately needed more than one indoor basketball court, so this additional facility has been incredibly beneficial. It is used extensively by both our students and wider community



█ McKinnon Road Campus - Multi-courts

In 2025, we completely renovated our Multicourts at the McKinnon Road Campus. This great facility is used every single day at school by PE classes, recess and lunchtime activities, and Year 7 & 8 Sport.



East Campus - Robotics Set | 3D Printers | Workshop

Our East Campus curriculum has a strong focus on STEAM-based project work (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). We have invested significantly in innovative technologies and materials in order to enhance student engagement and boost key life skills such as collaboration, creative and critical thinking



East Campus Gymnasium - Seating and Audio- Visual System

During the construction of the East Campus, the School Council dedicated to invest locally-raised funds to enhance the capabilities of the gym. In particular, we added retractable tiered seating and a high-quality audio-visual system. This has allowed the gym to be a great venue for year-level assemblies, guest speakers and music concerts.