

MOUNT BEAUTY



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer,

*Mount Beauty Primary School* is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Mount Beauty Primary School's* voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution, the following pages provide detail on how you can make this contribution to the school. 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 purchase bulk, discounted quality stationary to ensure that **all of** our students have the necessary tools to complete their education. With your support through parent payments we also organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music, food technology, Information technology, library and physical education equipment and resources. We are able to offer wonderful incursions to enhance the curriculum and excursions and activities that effectively improve and balance your child's overall education.

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

Yours sincerely,

Carolyn Serpell  
Principal

Steve Pask  
School Council President

**Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

**Classroom consumables, materials & equipment**

- Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beads
- Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials
- Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, text books, stationary, maths kits
- English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers,
- Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers
- Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials
- Music – instruments, books, pens, markers and folders
- Library – books
- French – workbook & materials

**We purchase these in bulk to ensure we receive quality products and to ensure that all students have access to materials for learning. Students are not required to bring their own stationary/books to school.**

| <b>Curriculum Contributions /Year Level</b>      |   | <b>\$</b> | <b>Amount/Student</b> |
|--|---|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>Prep / New enrolment</b>                      | All of the above classroom consumables, materials & equipment <b>plus</b> a reader bag, library bag & headphones  | \$152     |                       |
| <b>Years 1-6</b>                                 | All of the above classroom consumables, materials & equipment   | \$125     |                       |
| <b>All years</b>                                 | <b>Online Subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Eggs,</li> <li>• LanguageNut,</li> <li>• Wushka</li> <li>• Essential Assessment</li> </ul>             | \$36      |                       |
| <b>All years</b>                                 | <b>ICT Devices</b> – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets  | \$10      |                       |
| <b>All years</b>                                 | <b>Printing and photocopying</b> of worksheets and learning materials   | \$10      |                       |
| <b>All years</b>                                 | <b>Incursions</b> linked to curriculum outcomes   | \$15      |                       |
| <b>All years</b>                                 | <b>Whole school events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming carnival – entry</li> <li>• Cross Country – entry and transport</li> <li>• Swimming Program</li> </ul> | \$45      |                       |
| <b>Prep – Year 2</b>                             | <b>Junior Sports day</b>  | \$5       |                       |
| <b>Curriculum Contributions Family Sub-Total</b> |   |           |                       |

| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Suggested amount per family |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <i>Student Wellbeing programs</i>                             | \$20                        |
| <i>First aid equipment</i>                                    | \$10                        |
| <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>            | \$60                        |
| <b>Other Contributions Family Sub-Total</b>                   | <b>\$</b>                   |

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mount Beauty 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 optional and provided on a user-pays basis.** These will be invoiced separately throughout the year. The below approximate costings are for your planning purposes only. **Payment is not required until invoices are sent out next year.**

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (optional)             | Approx Cost                     | Term      |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Year 6 Polo Shirt  | \$40                            | 1         |
| Year 5/6 camp  | \$400                           | 2         |
| <i>Year 3/4 XC Skiing</i>                                    | \$60                            | 3         |
| Year 5/6 Snow Program  | \$200                           | 3         |
| <i>Wintersports (Years 4-6)</i>                              | \$20                            | 3         |
| <i>Maths Competition</i>                                     | \$6.50                          | 3         |
| <i>Year 2 Excursion</i>                                      | \$65                            | 4         |
| <i>Year 3/4 camp</i>   | \$200                           | 4         |
| <i>Prep/1 Excursion</i>                                      | \$40                            | TBC       |
|  |                                 |           |
| <b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (approx.)</b> | <b>Pay in 2022 (on invoice)</b> | <b>\$</b> |

### Financial Support for Families

Mount Beauty Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Centrepay instalments – for eligible families who receive centrelink benefits.
- Payment Plans for extra-curricular items & activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Heather in our office.

Ph: 03 5754 4354 | Email: [mount.beauty.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.beauty.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## Payment Options:

**Your 2022 parent payments will be posted onto Compass. You have the option of paying a contribution through Compass or via the following methods:**

- Account Credit – check with the Office for your family statement (uniform funds cannot be used for this)
- Eftpos is available at the office
- BPay – please contact the Office if you don't know your individual **BPAY details**
- Direct Deposit –  
Mount Beauty Primary School  
**BSB: 063 645 Account No: 10038022 Reference: 2022 and your child's name/ID**
- Centrepay instalments – for eligible families who receive centrelink benefits.
- Cash / Cheque

Please note, according to new Department of Education payment policy we are unable to send out family statements with curriculum contributions/other contributions. You will not receive an emailed/printed statement as we have previously done. You have the option to pay a contribution through **Compass** or via this form.

## Total

| Category   |           |
|--|-----------|
| Curriculum Contributions                                       | \$        |
| Other Contributions  | \$        |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Pay in 2022 on invoice) | \$        |
| <b>Family Total</b>  | <b>\$</b> |

## Refunds

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

# 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.