

Dear Parents/Carers,

Jackson School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024. Over the pandemic, Jackson School Council made the decision not to ask families for voluntary contributions in 2021 and 2022 due to the hardship many of our families faced during this period.

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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time (Parents, Carers and Friends Association). This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Jackson School is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

**For 2024, Jackson School Council have recommended that families contribute a voluntary payment of \$60 as a partial contribution towards curriculum consumables, online subscriptions and printed learning materials.**

For further information on the [Department's Parent Payments Policy](#) please see an overview attached below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Jackson".

**Anthony Jackson**  
Principal

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**Nerida Auld**  
School Council President

## 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.

Curriculum Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b> (partial contribution) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pencil Case</li> <li>• Eraser</li> <li>• Pencil / Pens</li> <li>• Coloured Textas</li> <li>• Whiteboard Markers</li> <li>• Coloured Pencils</li> <li>• Ruler</li> <li>• Assorted Exercise/Scrap Books</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Sharpener</li> <li>• Glue Stick</li> <li>• Highlighters</li> </ul>	\$30
<b>Online Subscriptions</b> (partial contribution) <p>Our online platforms will be used to support learning in the classroom and can also we accesses to support learning at home. At Jackson School we do not have a Homework Policy, but encourage families to support our students to read at home with an adult. You may use Reading Eggs and Wushka as online texts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Eggs / Wushka (\$10) to support reading at home</li> <li>• Mathletics / Maths Seeds (\$5) to support numeracy at home</li> <li>• SeeSaw (\$5) as a digital learning portfolio and family-teacher communication tool</li> </ul>	\$20
A partial contribution towards paper, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
<b>Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions</b> (parents/carers to complete)	\$

Other Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School building and infrastructure (IT) upgrades and improvements (please specify)	\$
<b>Total tax-deductible Other Contributions</b> (parents/carers to complete)	\$

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Jackson 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBC
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>TBC</b>

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

### **Total**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total recommended amount</b>	<b>Total Payment (parents/carers to complete)</b>
Total tax-deductible contributions	\$60	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBC	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$</b>

### **Payment Methods**

- Eftpos at the School Office
- BPay
- Xuno Online Payments
- Cash

### **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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.