



3 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mount Beauty Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2025 and would like to advise you of our School's Voluntary Parent Payment amounts.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

The following pages provide details outlining the associated costs that schools are not funded for, but which are essential to the programs we provide.

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, technology, library, physical education equipment and resources for all students to use.

We can also offer wonderful incursions to enhance the curriculum, excursions and activities that effectively improve and balance your child's overall education.

We wish to thank in advance, any families that volunteer their time in the school whether it be assisting with fundraising or assisting to help run school activities.

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

Sincerely

Carolyn Serpell  
Principal  
Mount Beauty Primary School

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Owen Davies  
School Council President  
Mount Beauty Primary School

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

**Classroom consumables, materials & equipment**

- Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, colored paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beads
- Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials
- Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, text books, stationary, math’s 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.**

Curriculum Contributions /Year Level		\$	Qty	Total
All years	Classroom and Bulk Packs	128		
All years	Art supplies	17		
All years	Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language Nut, (French)</li> <li>• Essential assessment (All School)</li> <li>• MAPAN (Maths)</li> </ul>	32		
All years	Library Books	12		
All years	Devices for Students (Laptop/iPad)	55		
All years	Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials.	33		
All years	<b>Incursions</b> linked to curriculum outcomes	25		
All years	Whole school events - Swim Carnival, Cross Country, and Swim Program	45		
Prep/New Enrolment	Headphones, reader bag and library bag	30		
<b>Your Families Curriculum Contributions Sub-Total</b>		Year 5-6 - \$347 Prep - \$377		

Other Contributions for Non-Curricular activities		\$	Qty	Total
<i>All School</i>	First Aid	8		
<i>All years</i>	School Grounds And maintenance/Improvements	40		
<i>All years</i>	Family Communication Tools (Compass, Website and Jot Form)	18		
<b>Your Families Other Contributions Sub-Total</b>		All Years - \$66		

**NO PAYMENTS NEED TO BE MADE UNTILL 2025 WHEN YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVITE TO PAY VIA COMPASS**

### **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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. These will be invoiced separately throughout the year.

The below APPROXIMATE costings are for your planning purposes only.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Approx Cost	Term
Year 6 Polo Shirt	60	1
Year 5-6 camp	500	2
Year 3-4 Camp	400	4
Year 5-6 Snow Program	250	3
Year 3-4 XC Skiing	200	3
Year 5-6 XC Skiing	100	3
Winter sports (Years 4-6)	15	3
Maths Competition	8.50	3
Year 2 Excursion	65	TBA
Prep/1 Excursion	50	TBA
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (approx.)</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) [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund | vic.gov.au](#)
- Centrepay instalments – for eligible families who receive Centrelink benefits.
- Payment Plans for extra-curricular items & activities
- School Saver Bonus \$400 in 2025 – for uniform, camps, Excursion costings. (can't be used for Voluntary Parent Payments) [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au](#)
- Berry Street SAVER PLUS program (a matched savings programs over 10 Months for eligible families) [Saver Plus | Berry Street](#)

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

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## **Payment Options:**

**Your 2025 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 Family **BPAY** details (on your family statements)
- Centrepay instalments – for eligible families who receive Centrelink benefits.

### Please note.

If you would like to set up a regular payment cycle to spread these costs out over time, this will be offered through COMPASS as a payment option.

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 bank deposit/Family Bpay

**Your Families cost calculations for 2025 – For your planning purposes into 2025.**

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Family Total for 2025	\$

## **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.