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Dear Families,

Monbulk Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Monbulk 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. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Monbulk Primary School Parent Payment Charges include:

Curriculum Contributions are items that your child needs for school and are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. These items include a book pack which your child will receive before the end of the year so that items may be labelled. You are welcome to source and supply these items yourself (see item list attached).

Other Contributions include donations to our school such as the building fund (tax deductible) or other projects/programs.

Extra Curricular Items and Activities which are designed to broaden the experience of your child. These items are provided on a user pays basis and includes items such as excursions, incursions and camps. You will receive notice of payment for these items as they are due.

Within our school your support through Voluntary Parent Payments and Other Contributions allows us to:

- Provide the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program
- ensure up keep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities, including purchase of iPads of students in Pre-Gr 2
- Purchase 3D printers, robotics and other equipment for our STEM program
- Provide instruments and equipment for our Music and Visual Arts program
- Maintain up-to-date sets of Readers and books for Class libraries
- Provide hands-on maths learning equipment
- Facilitate Literacy and Numeracy digital online subscriptions
- Deliver a range of well maintained sporting equipment for our PE and Sport programs
- Maintain and upgrade our grounds and facilities

The **Building Fund** (tax deductible) is used to retore the Bell Tower, paint classrooms, and maintain our heritage building.

If you require any support or advice or have queries regarding voluntary Parent Payments or Extra-curricular payments, please contact Nicole Baird or Estelle Alder on 9756 6481 or email nicole.baird@education.vic.gov.au.

Please note that we can also assist families experiencing financial hardship by offering range of financial support. We can help you with access to **State Schools; Relief** (for uniforms), **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**, **second-hand uniforms** and **alternative payment arrangements for Extra-Curricular costs**. All conversations are kept strictly confidential.

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

Yours sincerely,

Estelle Alder

Principal

Daniel Jansen

School Council President

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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.