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2026 CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Mitcam Primary School Parents/Guardians,

Mitcam Primary School looks forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2026 and welcomes your support with voluntary financial contributions. Your contribution will strengthen our resources for teaching excellence and extend opportunities for your child and our school community.

Mitcam Primary School is committed to quality teaching and learning through innovative educational programs to improve student outcomes and cater for the needs and interests of our students. We make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable to our families. Each year School Council meets to consider the school's financial position and prepares a budget to oversee the educational programs, administration, facilities development, and grounds and building maintenance for the next school year.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, it is a continued challenge for schools to financially support program needs to effectively operate all programs offered. Your financial contribution supports us in the delivery of rich and extensive learning programs beyond the traditional curriculum platform. Parent and community contributions are crucial to ensure we have the resources and facilities necessary to successfully provide the enhanced educational programs to the standard and quality expected by our community. Our teaching teams are dedicated in their role to deliver optimal learning opportunities for your child and your contribution further supports your child's learning experience at Mitcam Primary School.

Your 2026 financial contribution contributes to:

- Extensive resourcing of classroom equipment, materials, digital subscriptions, and consumables that enrich learning in our core curriculum areas and the additional programs offered at MPS.
- Fully resourced explicit synthetic phonics ('Initialit') and spelling ('SpellEx') programs from Prep – year 6 to meet Department of Education requirements
- Building and Grounds maintenance program supporting our student lead sustainability and horticultural programs, including our Vegetable Garden initiative.
- On site student wellbeing and mental health support services that include a School Counsellor, Behaviour Coach and an Occupational Therapist.
- Enhanced Wellbeing Support in Positive Education Psychology (SWPBS) as well as lunchtime and after school programs that support our diverse student community.
- Fully equipped Broadcasting Studio / Media Centre that incorporates our modern audio and visual digital media platforms.
- Continued expansion of equipment and resources for our Science and Inquiry Program (STEM).

The ongoing support from our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible educational programs, facilities and learning opportunities for students, well above the standard requirements set by the



Department of Education. Our enhanced programs and outstanding grounds are only possible because of the ongoing support of our families. Your voluntary contribution directly helps us maintain these exceptional opportunities for all students. We want to thank you for all you support.

Book Packs:

This year your contribution will include the supply of a stationery pack that has been carefully selected by our teaching teams from our preferred supplier – Maxim. Your child’s stationery pack will be delivered to their classroom for the commencement of the 2026 school.

Payment Options:

The financial contributions for 2026 can be made via the Compass Portal in Course Confirmations. You can also make payments for curriculum contributions either in full or part payments as nominated by you, via EFTPOS, Credit Card, or cash when you visit the school.

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

Erin Norman

Principal

Kylie Walsh

School Council President

Lisa Rhind

School Council Treasurer



Curriculum Contributions - Items and activities that students use, share, or participate in, to access the Curriculum from Prep - 6 Mainstream & Montessori Grades 2 to 6	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Level Individual use stationery resources & Student Workbooks (InitialLit & SpellEx) 	\$80.00
Resourcing Subject Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom consumables, materials & equipment – Bulk classroom stationery supplies Visual Arts – paint, clay, crayons, canvas, coloured paper STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematical Inquiry) –construction materials, program equipment Mathematics – numeracy learning equipment, modelling materials English – Literacy learning materials, readers, and mentor texts Physical Education – ribbons, certificates, games, new sporting equipment Performing Arts – song sheets, scripts, costumes, and props Indonesian – cultural materials and equipment AUSLAN Program resources 	\$155.00
Online Subscriptions & ICT Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COMPASS Student Management & Communication Network System Essential Assessment – Mathematics and English Subscriptions Digital Library Subscription (including Top Ten Mathematics, Story Box Online, Inquisitive, Write Mark, AUSLAN, Pivot Health) ICT Service & Support Student Device Provision and Management (Advanced Digital Learning Program) School Sports Victoria membership / District Sports Affiliation 	\$115.00
Sub Total	\$350.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student Wellbeing – Onsite Allied Health Services & First Aid Resourcing	\$50.00
Grounds and Facilities maintenance and improvements	\$50.00
Sub Total	\$100.00
Tax Deductible Contributions	Amount
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$50.00
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$50.00
Sub Total	\$100.00
Total Payment Request	\$550.00

Your Financial Contributions explained:

Core Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use, share, or participate in, to access the Curriculum from Prep - 6 Mainstream & Montessori Grades 2 to 6, including Individual use stationery resources & Student Workbooks (for 'Initialit' and 'SpellEx'), as well as the resourcing of our Specialist subject areas (including Art, PE, Auslan, Indonesian, Performing Arts and STEM) and essential online subscriptions and ICT support.

You can pay your curriculum contributions via course confirmation on the Compass Portal.

Other Contributions

Mitcham Primary School fosters an inclusive and caring environment and considers wellbeing to be fundamental to individual student growth and learning. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program, student mental health and welfare provisions, specialised allied health practitioners and additional programs support our 'whole child' approach to education. We welcome parent contributions to support this.

Building and Library Funds

Your tax-deductible contributions to the Building and Library funds provide MPS with the continued ability to expand and develop our modern and advanced learning spaces within the Heritage listed façade that marks our presence on Mitcham Road. We strive tirelessly to maintain the new and improved playground builds for our Senior and junior playground spaces. These inspire social and physical developmental opportunities for our students with latest designs and equipment.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mitcham 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 include camps, incursions, excursions, and school-based activities and are provided on a user-pays basis. You will be advised of these as they are scheduled during the curriculum year.

Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund
- State School Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, please contact the school.

Refunds

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. You can view this policy on the school website.



Financial Contributions Total

Category	Amount
Core Curriculum Contributions	\$350.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	\$100.00
Tax deductible contributions – Library Fund	\$50.00
Tax deductible contributions – Building Fund	\$50.00
Total	\$550.00

Thank you for your contribution to your child's education for the 2026 school year.

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.