



Voluntary Financial Contributions

Dear Families

Meredith Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Meredith Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Value for money – for \$220 your contribution covers all of this and more!

1. Student supplies & stationery – All Items will be delivered directly to the classroom
2. Classroom resources – including take home books, up to date reading material, maths resources
3. 1:1 devices for all students: Laptops (Grades 2-6) & iPads (Foundation and Grade 1)
4. Building maintenance & furniture upgrades
5. Grounds maintenance
6. Art/STEM/PE/Japanese materials
7. Marc Van – Visiting library service with book borrowing facility

Less than \$5 per week

Consider an automated payment. This can be set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Pre-Payment

Sick of writing your card details on excursion forms? Consider making a pre-payment onto your family account. Pay for excursions, simply by circling 'Credit Balance' on the form. You can also use your credit balance for other expenses, such as uniforms, camps and OSHC payments.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached. Contact Judith Wood (Business Manager) to make a payment or if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Lachlan Day
Acting Principal

Megan Devlin
School Council President



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



PRIDE



EXCELLENCE

Student Classroom Resources • Student supplies & stationery • Spelling book • Diary	\$60
Year P-6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art Supplies • STEM Resources • Mathematics – Numeracy supplies • English – Reading resources • Sports Equipment	\$60
Year P-6 Online Subscriptions • Reading A-Z • Essential Assessment • MARC Van • Dibbles Assessment Platform	\$55
Year P-6 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$20
Year P-6 Printing and photocopying - worksheets and learning materials	\$10
• Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$5
First aid equipment	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$5
Total Amount	\$220

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Meredith 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 provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Year 3 school camp – estimate only	\$340
Optional Year 4 school camp	\$335
Optional Year 5 school camp	\$365
Optional Year 6 school camp – estimate only	\$340
Optional Swimming Program – estimate only	\$50
Other optional camps, excursions & activities to be scheduled	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Payment methods

Payments can be made to Meredith Primary School by BPay, EFTPOS (phone or in person) or Cash.

Refunds

Please contact the Business Manager if you would like to request a refund.

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.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief
- 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:

Judith Wood, Business Manager

Ph: 03 5286 1313

Email: meredith.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.