



Dear Parent/Carers

Mount Ridley P-12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mount Ridley P-12 College's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 College 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 College and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, your support in 2024 has allowed us to:

- Maintain a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Upgrade and purchase of additional IT devices for student use
- Refurbish our school grounds, with particular focus on courtyard and recreation areas.

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

Yours sincerely

Lino Pagano  
College Principal

Mary-Anne Schmidt  
College Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
<i>Year Prep – 6 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</i></li> <li>• <i>Science/Humanities – ingredients, shared classroom materials</i></li> <li>• <i>Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits</i></li> <li>• <i>English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers</i></li> <li>• <i>Sports – equipment, ribbons</i></li> <li>• <i>Performing arts – instruments, books</i></li> <li>• <i>Library – books, subscriptions</i></li> <li>• <i>General Classroom – pencils, pens, exercise books, poster paper, dotted thirds etc</i></li> </ul>	\$80	
<i>Year Prep – 6 Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggs</i></li> </ul>	\$20	
<i>Year Prep – 6 ICT &amp; Digital Technologies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>STEM equipment &amp; devices</i></li> <li>• <i>Provision of iPads and devices from the shared classroom sets</i></li> </ul>	\$15	
<i>Year Prep – 6 printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$10	
<b>Total Amount</b>		\$
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
<i>Year 5 Combination locks and New Year 6 enrolments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Retained for use in Year 6</i></li> </ul>	\$12	
<b>Total Amount</b>		\$

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mount Ridley P-12 College 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.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
College Year Book	\$10	
Student Print/photocopy credit	\$5	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		\$

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
<i>Year 7-9 Curriculum Contributions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum consumables, materials &amp; equipment</li> <li>• Printing &amp; photocopying of worksheets &amp; learning materials</li> <li>• Mentor Program Student Workbook (Years 7-9)</li> <li>• Careers Program</li> <li>• ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</li> </ul>	\$140	
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>	
<i>Year 7 Combination locks (Retained for use in Years 8 &amp; 9) New enrolments in Years 8 &amp; 9</i>	\$12	
<b>Total Amount</b>		\$

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
College Year Book	\$10	
Student Print/Photocopy Credit	\$5	
ACED	\$250	
ESP Years 7 & 8	\$200	
ESP Year 9	\$240	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		\$

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
<i>Years 10-12 Curriculum Contributions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum consumables, materials &amp; equipment</li> <li>• Printing &amp; photocopying of worksheets &amp; learning materials</li> <li>• Mentor Program Student Workbook</li> <li>• Careers Program</li> <li>• ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</li> <li>• Online Subscriptions – Edrolo (Years 11 &amp; 12)</li> </ul>	\$140	
<i>Contribution based on the electives undertaken by each student</i>		
<b>Year 10 Electives</b>		
3D Art & Studio Practice	\$35	
Digital Photography	\$35	
Food – Hospitality & Catering	\$70	

<i>Food Studies</i>	\$75	
<i>Metal Engineering</i>	\$55	
<i>Wood Production</i>	\$55	
<b>VCE Electives</b>		
<i>Art: Creative Practice (Units 1 – 4)</i>	\$80	
<i>Art: Making &amp; Exhibiting (Units 1 – 4)</i>	\$80	
<i>Media (Units 1 – 4)</i>	\$30	
<i>VET Music Industry (Units 1 – 4)</i>	\$110	
<i>VET External Units 1 – 4</i>	\$110	
<i>Visual Communication and Design (Units 1 – 4)</i>	\$60	
<i>Food Studies Units 1 &amp; 2</i>	\$165	
<i>Food Studies Units 3 &amp; 4</i>	\$145	
<i>Product Design &amp; Technology (Woodwork) (Units 1 – 4)</i>	\$135	
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>	

### Educational items for students to own

You can order all of the items that the College recommends you purchase from [Campion](#) for your child to individually own and use by clicking on either link below. **Please note that booklists from Campion are for students in Years 7 – 12 only.**

1. Go to [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) and click the red ‘Parent Order Here’ button or,
2. Go to [www.mountridleycollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.mountridleycollege.vic.edu.au) and select the 2025 Booklist link from the home page.

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Student Print/Photocopy Credit	\$5	
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ESP	\$240	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	

**Financial Support for Families**

Mount Ridley P-12 College continually considers the financial situations facing its families. For this reason, the voluntary financial contributions listed are the minimum amounts which will enable our College Council to continue providing the high-quality standards that the community has come to expect of the College’s teaching and learning program. College Council is conscious of the increased cost of living pressures and as such the parent payments have not increased for the 2025 school year. It should be noted that these costs have not increased since 2018.

Mount Ridley P-12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to eligible Health Care/Pension Card holders
- Centrepay
- Individual payment plans
- State Schools Relief

Ms Nancy Wain (email: [Nancy.Wain@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nancy.Wain@education.vic.gov.au) or ph. 83383600) is available to discuss possible support and payment options. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

**Total**

Category	
Student’s name:	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Payment methods**

- *Cash*
- *EFTPOS*
- *Direct debit from your debit or credit card*

I authorise \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be charged to my Visa / MasterCard.

Details as follows:

<b>NAME (as on card)</b>																				
<b>CARD NO:</b>						-						-				-				
<b>SIGNATURE</b>																				
		<b>VISA</b>		<b>MASTERCARD</b>		<b>EXPIRY DATE</b>	____ Month ____ Year													

**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..

# 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.