

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 2024.

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 2023 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

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

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.

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

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

Educational items for students to own

You can order all of items that the school recommends you purchase from Champion for your child to individually own and use by clicking on either link below.

1. Go to www.champion.com.au and click the red 'Parents Order Here' button or click on this or
2. Go to www.mountridleycollege.vic.edu.au and select the 2024 Booklist link from the home page.

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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. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
College Year Book	\$10	
Student Print/Photocopy Credit	\$5	
ACED	\$250	
ESP Years 7 & 8	\$200	
ESP Year 9	\$300	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>Years 10-12 Curriculum Contributions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum consumables, materials & equipment • Printing & photocopying of worksheets & learning materials • Mentor Program Student Workbook • Careers Program • ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets • Online Subscriptions – Edrolo (Years 11 & 12) 	\$140	
<i>Contribution based on the electives undertaken by each student</i>		
Year 10 Electives		
3D Art & Studio Practice	\$35	
Digital Photography	\$35	
Electronics Fundamentals	\$55	
Food – Hospitality & Catering	\$70	
Food Studies	\$70	
Metal Engineering	\$55	
Wood Production	\$55	
VCE Electives		
Art: Creative Practice (Units 1 – 4)	\$80	
Art: Making & Exhibiting (Units 1 – 4)	\$80	
Media (Units 1 – 4)	\$30	
VET Music Industry (Units 1 – 4)	\$110	
VET External Units 1 – 4	\$110	
Visual Communication and Design (Units 1 – 4)	\$60	
Food Studies Units 1 & 2	\$155	
Food Studies Units 3 & 4	\$135	
Product Design & Technology (Woodwork) (Units 1 – 4)	\$135	
Total Amount	\$	

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 booklist items are for secondary students (Years 7 – 12) only.**

3. Go to www.campion.com.au and click the red 'Parent Order Here' button or,
4. Go to www.mountridleycollege.vic.edu.au and select the 2024 Booklist link from the home page.

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
College Year Book	\$10	
Student Print/Photocopy Credit	\$5	
ACED Year 10	\$250	
ACED Year 11 & 12	\$150	
ESP	\$300	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

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. It should be noted that College Council has not increased its voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 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	\$
TOTAL	\$

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.