

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

Mirniyan Primary School is looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mirniyan Primary School'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 support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We would appreciate your support, as this will make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support will allow us to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities, which will enable students to access high level curriculum.

The staff at Mirniyan Primary School have put a lot of time and effort into selecting educational items and programs that enable us to support your child in their learning, and we negotiate extensively on behalf of the families to access quality items at the best possible prices.

Please contact the office via email at Mirniyan_ps@education.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.

Quite simply, without your contributions, these, and other initiatives, are not possible.

School Council has approved the Parent Payment arrangements for 2025 that we have attached. Our preferred payment method is through Compass.

We thank you in advance for your support to make Mirniyan Primary School an enriching place where children can enjoy an exceptional primary education experience.

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

Yours sincerely,



Nicky Walker
Principal



Alexandra Shipman
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<p>Classroom Consumables, Materials & Equipment – these contributions directly support several important curriculum areas and programs that we offer including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student classroom supplies – scrap books, pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing books, highlighters, post-it-notes, folders, display books, scissors, ruler's headphones etc. • Art consumables & resources paint, crayons, canvas, clay, coloured paper • Sporting equipment & materials • Investigation consumables & resources • Mathematics resources • English resources (guided reading books & take-home readers etc) • Science – shared classroom materials & equipment 	\$120.00
<p>Online Subscriptions and Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of Educational Apps • Whole School - Essential Assessments • Mathematics online subscriptions • Literacy online subscriptions • Student and parent online platforms 	\$ 40.00
<i>Digital Technology – The provision of equipment and upkeep of devices for the shared classroom sets.</i>	\$ 30.00
<i>Printing and Photocopying - of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$ 10.00
Total Amount – Curriculum Contributions	\$ 200.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$ 5.00
<i>Student Wellbeing programs</i>	\$10.00
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$10.00
Total Amount – Other Contributions	\$ 35.00

Tax deductible contributions	
Library Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$ 20.00
Total Amount	\$ 20.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mirniyan 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 standard curriculum.

Each excursion/incursion/camp will be communicated to you directly through Compass and by your classroom teacher. If you wish your child to attend, you will need to provide payment and consent by the due date indicated for each event. It is essential that you provide payment & consent before the due date for excursions as we usually cannot accept late additions.

These are provided on a user-pays basis and will be invoiced throughout the year on Compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Excursions, Incursions, and sporting activities – (Estimated \$40-\$50 for the year)	To be advised
Swimming	To be advised
Year 6 Commemorative top – Sizing will be completed at school early in 2025. (Estimated \$45)	To be advised
Year 6 Graduation – A Grade 6 graduation will be held at the end of the 2025 year with dates and prices to be confirmed in 2025 (Estimated \$20-\$25)	To be advised

Total payment by Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$200.00
Other Contributions	\$35.00
Tax Deductible Contributions	\$20.00
Total amount of contribution requested	\$255.00

Payment Method –

Our preferred payment method is using Compass App, otherwise, contributions can be made via EFTPOS at the school office or over the phone. *Do not send credit card details via email.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Flexible contribution options
- Payment plans are available for extra-curricular items and activities.
- CSEF, Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (eligibility requirements)
- State School Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact:

Sharon Steele – Business Manager

Ph: 03 | Email: Mirniyan.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Refunds – *Mirniyan Primary School responds to refunds on a case-by-case basis. Where refunds are deemed reasonable, and if the school has not incurred a cost on behalf of your child, refunds are made on a pro-rata basis. If the school has incurred a cost, the school will act reasonably and take into consideration the Financial Help for Families Policy and relevant arrangements, including support for families experiencing hardship. Refunds will not be given for donations made to the Library and Computer Fund.*

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.