



Dear Parents/Carers,

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS for 2024

Miners Rest Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we wish 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.

Miners Rest Primary School has a tradition of offering our students a rich learning program. Your payment of the curriculum contribution ensures the continued delivery of high-quality programs, both in the classrooms and specialist areas. As such, please refer to the school's Contribution Schedule for 2024, attached.

We value the additional support parents provide by volunteering their time and efforts and conducting important fundraising, which has resulted in exceptional resources for our students. We wish to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Each year, the School Council determines the following year's cash budget by considering teaching and learning programs and the key important areas in the School Strategic Plan. Miners Rest Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please refer to the one-page overview included herewith.

School Council President

Mrs Larna Woodyatt

Principal

Mrs Kylie Nissen



MINERS REST PRIMARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2024

Curriculum Contributions: consumable items students use, or activities that students participate in, to access the Curriculum.	Amount
Materials & equipment for Subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM (\$30) • Visual Arts (\$30) • Performing Arts (\$20) • PE (\$20) 	\$100.00
Booklist Orders: Classroom consumables/stationery – paid directly to RADMAC	--
Online Subscriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Eggs • Wushka • SeeSaw 	\$ 40.00
Printing and photocopying	\$ 20.00
Other Contributions: non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$ 15.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$175.00

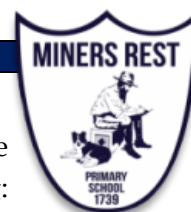
Educational items for students to own **BOOKLISTS:**

We recommend you purchase the required items from RADMAC for your child to individually own and use. Radmac will provide the consumable items required via itemised booklist orders, which will have been forwarded to families to submit directly to Radmac. Orders received/paid for by the due date will be delivered to the school and distributed to students by classroom teachers on the first day of the school year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis.

Miners Rest Primary School offers a range of optional 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please ensure payment is made to the school by the **DUE DATE** which will be clearly indicated on the relevant forms. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.



Financial Support for Families: Miners Rest Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Ballarat Foundation Coupons
- States School 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, please contact the school office:

Ph: 5334 6328 | Email: miners.rest.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods: There are three options regarding payment of the above items:

1. **Pay As You Go:** You will be notified of the cost of each relevant activity and a receipt will be issued for each payment.
2. **Pre-Payment:** This option is very popular and allows you to pay an amount up front. Once the office has received your child's signed permission form, automatic deduction will occur from your pre-payment plan. You will be notified as your pre-payment needs topping up. All families will be provided with a statement of expenditure each term and on request.
NOTE: Parents & Friends School fundraisers, Book Club, Lunch Orders and School Photos are NOT included in the pre-payment plan.
3. **Individual Negotiated Plan:** This could include weekly, fortnightly, or other payments but MUST be negotiated by contacting the Principal or Business Manager.

Non-Payment of Extra- Curricular Items and Activities

Children will not attend activities unless payment has been received OR you have discussed the situation with the principal. We are aware at times special circumstances exist which need to be considered, but please be aware you must contact us prior to the activity occurring. Thank you.

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

School Council President: Larna Woodyatt

Principal: Kylie Nissen

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.