School councils are able to request payments or contributions for education items and services from parents and guardians for students in Victorian government schools in the three categories – essential education items, optional extras and voluntary financial contributions.

Our full parent payment and voluntary contributions policy is on the school web site or available from the office.

Payment of Student Essential Educational Items and collection of Student Packs for 2016

If you wish, payment may be made at any time from receiving this letter. The receipt of payment must be kept and shown for collection. Payment may be made by cheque, cash, credit card (including credit card payment over the telephone), Eftpos, direct deposit or BPay (contact the office for individual details). After collection, all items should be labelled and returned with your child on the first school day. If you are unable to collect the supplies on any of the allocated pickup days, payment may be made earlier and the pack will be passed on to your child on the first day of school.

STUDENT PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE OFFICE BETWEEN TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER & WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER from 8.45am – 3.30pm and then again on WEDNESDAY 27TH January 2016 from 9.00am – 1pm.

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2016 from 9.00am – 1pm.

Important Note: The student pack of individual stationery does not contain all items included in the payment. Stationery for literacy/art based activities and project based work is delivered to the teacher and distributed in classrooms (these are bought in bulk to keep costs to a minimum). Supplies for Art, LOTE and Music are ordered and stored in specialist areas.

We have always had a very high level of support for payments and we would like to thank all our families for investing in their child’s learning experiences and our wonderful school setting – THANK YOU!

Neil Pollard
Principal

Essential Education Items for 2016

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<th>CLASSROOM MATERIALS</th>
<th>MATERIALS FOR SPECIALIST PROGRAMS</th>
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<td>Individual Student Pack</td>
<td>Consumables for Art Based Activities and Project Work</td>
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Please note: Detailed itemised lists are available from the office and on the school web site.
Parent Payment Categories

**Essential education items**: are those items or services that are essential to support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program that parents or guardians are requested to pay the school to provide or may provide themselves, if appropriate.

These items include:

- materials that the student takes possession of, including text books and student stationery
- materials for learning and teaching where the student consumes or takes possession of the finished articles (e.g. art and class cooking)
- school uniform
- transport and entrance for camps and excursions which all students are expected to attend.

**Optional extras**: are those that are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and which are offered to all students. These optional extras are provided on a user-pays basis and if parents and guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them.

These items include:

- student computer printing for personal use
- extra-curricular programs or activities e.g. instrumental music, dance classes
- school-based performances, productions and events
- school magazines, class photographs.

**Voluntary financial contributions**: are for those items and services that parents or guardians are invited to make a donation to the school, for example for grounds maintenance, a library or building trust.

**Other support options**

The school appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting requests for payments and contributions. A range of support options are available to assist eligible parents, including the Schoolkids Bonus, State Schools Relief Committee and the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Parents/guardians who experience difficulties providing or paying the school to provide essential education items, are encouraged to make an appointment with the Principal to discuss alternative payment methods.

**Payment arrangements**

Parents and guardians will be provided with early notice of payment requests for essential education items, optional extras and voluntary financial contributions (e.g. a minimum of six weeks’ notice prior to the end of the previous school year).

Parents and guardians also have the option of purchasing equivalent materials from other sources. Note: If parents/guardians choose to provide equivalent materials themselves, this should be done in consultation with the school, and items should meet the specifications provided by the school. However, there are some items (e.g. food provisions for class cooking) which, due to their nature, can only be provided by the school.
Part 2
VOLUNTARY – Technology Contribution

2016 Voluntary Technology Contribution

The Technology contribution assists with the cost of technology in the school – hardware, software, digital learning devices (ie iPads, netbooks and computers). This contribution also assists with the upkeep and upgrading of digital learning devices, subscriptions to providers etc.

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Part 3
OPTIONAL - Excursion/Incursion Prepayment Plan

2016 Anticipated Costs & Excursion/Incursion Prepayment Plans

In 2016 we are again offering families the opportunity to select a payment plan for excursions and incursions. Through making a pre-payment families can avoid the need to be finding money regularly throughout the year, with only the need to complete permission slips and indicate that payment is from the pre-payment plan. Any unspent funds will be carried over to the following year. Please note that the anticipated budgeted amounts also allow for the swimming program costs for grades P-5.

Two different options are available to families, as outlined below:

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<th>Excursion/Incursion Payment Options</th>
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Some costs are NOT INCLUDED in the suggested Excursion/Incursion prepayment plan, they are:
- Semester One – School photos and Grade 5/6 Camp.
- Semester Two – Grade 3 & 4 Camps and Grade 6 Graduation.
- Also not included in the pre-payment plan are optional student activities such as: Chess/Maths/English competitions, Cross Country, Zone/District/State competitions and leadership events as not all students are involved.

NOTE: If choosing the pre-payment option it will be necessary to have sufficient funds in credit before the first costs are incurred.

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Part 4
VOLUNTARY - Donations to the school

Helping out our School library, buildings and grounds

Each year we hold four working bees. These working bees enable the school to paint, maintain areas including the grounds, mulch, clean gutters etc.

We greatly appreciate the assistance of the school community in helping create a safe, attractive and sustainable school environment at a significantly reduced cost than what would be charged if we were to pay people. If you are not able to attend, but would like to contribute financially, please fill in the details on the attached form.

Families may also wish to contribute to the Schools “Building” or “Library” fund. All donations to these funds are tax deductible (a receipt will be issued) and the money donated will be used for major upgrades, refurbishments, specific building projects or resources relating to the Library.

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**Family Payments 2016**

*Essential Education Items, Technology Contribution, Excursion/Incursion Prepayment & Donations*

**FAMILY NAME:** …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Part 1, 2 & 3 – Essential Education Items, Voluntary Technology Contribution and Optional Excursion/Incursion Prepayment**

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<th>Student Name</th>
<th>2016 Year Level</th>
<th>ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS Amounts:</th>
<th>VOLUNTARY – Technology Contribution (suggested $10 per student)</th>
<th>OPTIONAL – Family Excursion/Incursion Prepayment (An initial suggested payment amount of $150 per child)</th>
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**Part 4. Voluntary Family Donations**

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**TOTAL PAID TO SCHOOL (Total of Part 1, 2, 3 & 4):** $………………………………………………

**Method of Payment:**

- [ ] Cash
- [ ] Cheque (Made payable to Montrose P.S)
- [ ] Credit Card
- [ ] Other (please specify)

**Credit Card Payment Details:**

- Visa [ ]
- Bankcard [ ]
- Mastercard [ ]

**Name on Card:** ________________________________

**Card Number:** __________ - __________ - __________ - __________

**Expiry Date**

[ ] [ ] [ ] / [ ]

**CVV:** __________

**Amount $** __________

**Signature:** ____________________

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