PARENT PAYMENT INFORMATION

The ongoing financial support of our families guarantees that students at MEC can receive the highest level of education. We provide students with free tuition and ensure students have access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum. The College provides various payment methods for curriculum contributions that support the varied and rich learning opportunities that we will provide to our Year 8 students in 2025.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off $400 School Saving Bonus.
The $400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks. More information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Year 8 Parent Payment Arrangements		
Curriculum Contributions **Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum**		
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment	• Art: materials • Health • Drama: costumes, scripts • Classroom Music • Science – chemicals, laboratory equipment • Printing & copying – class sets	$250
Student Identification Card	Required for IT access	$20
Whole School Events:	Bus transport & entry costs / representative sports uniforms: Athletics/Swimming/Cross Country/House Events	$30
	Curriculum Contributions	**$300**
Extra -Curricular Items **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.**		
Student Printing Credit	Students can access print/copy via own personal print/copy account – funds can be added as required at Admin Office	$20.00
Combination Lock	All students are required to have a lock on their lockers – school lifetime guarantee for breakage	$25.00
	Extra-Curricular Items	**$45**
	Total recommended Contribution	**$345**

Extra -Curricular Activities 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.		
Interschool Sport	Charged on a user-pays basis for each event @$15 per day – covers Bus/CRT/Entry/Referees. *CSEF money can be used.*	
Instrumental Music	Includes annual small group lessons, hire of instrument, music & consumables. A *new form for 2025 is required along with payment*	$260
Other Contributions for non- curricular items and activities		
Student Wellbeing Programs – chaplaincy program & workshops		$
Information Technology – software programs & upkeep of IT equipment		$
Buildings & Grounds – upkeep & development of grounds & buildings		$
State Schools' Relief Organisation – supports families with resources i.e. books/ uniforms		$

PAYMENT METHODS

Payment options include cash, EFTPOS, debit/credit card and BPAY, either in person or by phone. Our Compass Portal is also available to pay in full or by 5 or 10 instalments, dates as set out on the Compass Portal. If you would like to commence a personalised payment plan please contact the Administration Office on (03) 5971 6000. Direct payment can also be made to the College's bank account:

Bank: *Commonwealth Bank of Australia*
Account Name: *Mount Erin Secondary College*
BSB: *063093*
Account No: *10000976*
(Please use your child's name as the reference)

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN

Details on how to access the year level booklist from the College website or Campion Education's website will be provided.

Stationery items on the booklist can be purchased from Campion or other suppliers you may choose to source these items from.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Mount Erin College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment of $250.00 is available to all families with a Health care card or Pension card, application form included with this letter. For a confidential discussion about support for textbooks, uniforms or other resources, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment contribution arrangements, please contact the College on (03) 5971 6000 to make an appointment with Erin Gray, Business Manager. Email: *erin.gray@education.vic.gov.au*

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.