

2025 FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS

1. ESSENTIAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION *(Includes individual subject contributions)*

Each family's voluntary contribution enhances the range and quality of services and facilities provided to our students and increases our educational offerings when combined with the Department of Education's proportionate base funding of less than \$3 a day per student. This contribution helps to cover the cost of individual subject resource materials, general photocopying and stationery, travel to and from whole school sports carnivals, Compass student/parent communication system, Edrolo for VCE, curriculum resources, student ID cards and planner (diary), combination locks and the school magazine. In addition, a large proportion of these funds are directed towards the supply and maintenance of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) resources used by all students. The ICT budget includes desktop computers, laptop computers, LCD TVs, digital cameras and associated software.

Essential Education Contribution	\$645	<i>Suggested</i>
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2. DONATIONS *(Including the tax-deductible Building Fund Donation.)*

In addition to the above Essential Education Contribution, families can choose to further support the school and their child's education by making one or more of the following donations. Friends of the Arts and STEM were introduced in 2024 to compliment Friends of Music; the former two 'Friend' categories assist in continuing and bolstering our extension and lunchtime activities run by our staff for Mullauna students.

Building Fund (tax-deductible)	\$50	<i>Suggested</i>
Friends of Music	\$50	<i>Suggested</i>
Friends of the Arts	\$50	<i>Suggested</i>
Friends of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)	\$50	<i>Suggested</i>
Working Bee Donation	\$50	<i>Suggested</i>

3. YEAR 9 SKILLZ@MULLAUNA PROGRAM

All Year 9 students participate in this innovative learning, engagement and wellbeing program over the full school year. The contribution pays for all guest speakers, incursions on campus, excursions off campus, and all resources and materials students use throughout the year. CSEF funds can be used for this contribution.

Excursions, speakers and curriculum consumables	\$175	<i>Suggested</i>
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4. OPTIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Enrichment opportunities are offered throughout the year for our students. The additional programs, such as camps, excursions, and onsite activities, will require parents/carers to consent and pay via Compass through Events for their child to participate.

a. Camps

Deposits have been paid for quoted camps for the 2025 school year. Costs can fluctuate based on student numbers. *Payment plans will be made available to families and for eligible families, CSEF funds can be used for camps.*

EVENT	
Year 7 Toolangi Camp (TBC)	\$300
Year 8 Summit Camp (TBC)	\$300
Instrumental Music Camp (TBC)	\$400
Year 12 Study Residential (TBC)	\$300

b. Excursions and Onsite Activities

The following opportunities are subject to availability and timetabling. The costs below have been based on the average cost of activities run in 2024. *For eligible families, *CSEF funds can be used for excursions and onsite activities.* **Cont. on next page.**

EVENT (per event/excursion)		EVENT (per event/excursion)	
*Junior School Year 7-8	\$23	*RYDA Year 10 (TBC)	\$140
*Arts	\$17	*Science	\$25
*Careers	\$20	*Wellbeing	\$5
*Drama	\$80	Presentation Ball (TBC)	\$200/\$270
*German	\$40	Year 10/11 Social (TBC)	\$100
*Maths	\$8	Year 12 Formal (TBC)	\$125

c. Interschool Sport

Mullauna already subsidises the cost of interschool sports. Where the school incurs additional costs, e.g. hiring buses and coaches to transport students to events, a per-student charge for each event held off the grounds will apply. Parents/guardians will be required to consent and pay via Compass through Events for their child to participate. *For eligible families, CSEF funds can be used for interschool sports.*

EVENT	
Each offsite event will incur a charge per student	\$20

d. Instrumental Music

There are many benefits to learning an instrument, such as:

- improvement in academic and physical skills.
- improvement in patience and resilience.
- a boost in self-esteem.

Breaking down **\$400** over a forty-week school year - \$10.00 per 30-minute lesson.

The \$400 Instrumental Music Fee also includes materials [e.g. sheet music] and the following rehearsals and concerts:

One Hour rehearsals leading up to each concert - before or after school, three concerts over three terms, and other experiences:	
• Term 1 - Recruitment Concert	
• Term 2 - Autumn Concert with Year 7 Debut	\$400
• Term 3 - Theme Concert	
• Term 4 - Instrumental exam experience	
• Various performances at school events	

Senior Student Ensemble - Breaking down \$100 over the course of a forty-week school year:

One Hour rehearsals leading up to each concert - before or after school. Three concerts over three terms:	
• Term 1 - Recruitment Concert	
• Term 2 - Autumn Concert with Year 7 Debut	\$100
• Term 3 - Theme Concert	
• Term 4 - Instrumental exam experience	
• Various performances at school events	

Instrument Hire

There are limited instruments available for hire. Parents pay the instrument hire fees in yearly payments, with instruments returned at the end of the year. Students playing the Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Cello or Double Bass may be eligible to hire one from the school. The usual hire period is one year, at the end of which families are expected to purchase an instrument for the student. In the case of the more expensive and larger instruments, the hire term may be extended, subject to the availability of the instrument.	
	\$400

5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

a. Flexible Payment Plans – Instrumental Music, Camps and Excursions

Payment plans are available and set up through Compass.

When events for camps and excursions are set up, Compass allows us to set up generic payment plans within the system; this is usually broken up into five equal payments over three to six months. We keep the months of

December and January clear for direct debiting payment plans so that families have an opportunity to financially plan their break time during the summer.

When opting to pay via the payment plan option, Compass will direct debit your chosen card, on the dates that have been pre-selected; these dates are visible and set out on the event, so please take the time to read through it carefully.

- It does clearly state that if you opt for the payment plan after the first advertised date, it will automatically add the first and second (or third, fourth or fifth) payment together debiting your chosen card for up to five of the five payments in the payment plan.
- Please reach out to us and let us set up alternative payment arrangements for you.

We understand that five larger payments may not suit every family. We encourage you to reach out to us so that we can tailor a payment plan for you. Please contact Laura Steel – Accounts Receivable:

Laura.Steel2@education.vic.gov.au

03 9874 3422

b. Contribute by Term *(school initiated flexible payment plans not available)*

In 2025 Compass Billings will be set up to allow families to contribute by Term.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Total
	<i>Suggested</i>	<i>Suggested</i>	<i>Suggested</i>	<i>Suggested</i>	<i>Suggested</i>
Curriculum Contribution	\$161.25	\$161.25	\$161.25	\$161.25	\$645.00
Building Fund [DGR]	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$50.00
Friends of Music	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$50.00
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Friends of the Arts	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$50.00
Friends of STEM	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$50.00
Working Bee Donation	\$223.75	\$223.75	\$223.75	\$223.75	\$895.00

c. Government Program

Camps Sports & Excursion Fund [CSEF] for Eligible Families

- The department administers the CSEF to help eligible families with the costs of camps, sporting activities and excursions.
- Schools must communicate to families the availability of the CSEF.
- Schools must process applications for a CSEF payment by 28 June 2025.
- Schools must use the funds for the benefit of the eligible student.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or tours, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursions, incursions and graduations.

School Saving Bonus [SSB] for ALL Victorian Primary and Secondary Students in 2025.

The School Saving Bonus will provide \$400 in support for Victorian school-aged students in Term 4, 2024 for use on 2025 school costs.

Families can choose how they spend the School Saving Bonus. It can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions, swimming and sporting programs, outdoor education programs, graduations, school uniforms [PSW], textbooks [Campion].

6. PAYMENT METHODS

Compass – paying via Compass is preferred

Cash: 8:30 – 4:30 pm Mullauna Secondary College Reception, via Laura Steel

EFTPOS: 8:30 – 4:30 pm Mullauna Secondary College Reception, via Laura Steel

7. REFUNDS

Refer to the Refund Policy on the school website:

<https://mullauna.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Refund-Policy.2022.pdf>

Harry Ruff
Principal

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School Council President

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.

School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF MULLAUNA COLLEGE

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