



Dear Parent/Guardian,

*Mornington Special Developmental School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mornington SDS's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.*

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want 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. We want 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.*

*Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the upgrade of our school facilities.*

Mornington SDS is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)* with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

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

Yours sincerely,

David Newport

Principal

Signature David Newport Date 31-1-25



<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> – suggested tax-deductible contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc.</li> <li>• Technology – gardening tool, plants etc.</li> <li>• Food tech – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc.</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy blocks</li> <li>• Sports – equipment</li> <li>• Sensory items</li> </ul>	\$100.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boardmaker</li> <li>• Reading eggs</li> </ul>	\$50.00
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$20.00
<i>Communication tools – PODD books, assistive technology devices, displays</i>	\$10.00
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics carnival – entry and transport</li> <li>• School production</li> <li>• Incursions</li> </ul>	\$TBA
<b>Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b>Other Contributions</b> – suggested tax-deductible contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<i>First aid and hygiene equipment</i>	\$10.00
<i>School owned bus - upkeep</i>	\$10.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$10.00
<b>Total tax-deductible Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

Mornington SDS 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.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Basketball	TBA
Horse Riding - RDA	TBA
Sailability	TBA



## Financial Support for Families

Mornington SDS understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *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, contact:

*Karen Binks Business Manager*

Ph: (03) 5975 6111 | Email: [mornington.sds@education.vic.edu.au](mailto:mornington.sds@education.vic.edu.au)

### Total

Category	Total recommended amount	Total payment
Total tax-deductible contributions	<b>\$210.00</b>	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>	\$

### Payment methods

*Payments are welcome at any time, however payment of contributions by the 10<sup>th</sup> February would be appreciated to support our planning and administration.*

### Refunds

***You can pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (preferred method of payment) or cash.***

*The details for Electronic Funds Transfer are as follows:*

**Account name: Mornington Special Developmental School**

**BSB: 013 740**

**Account No: 3148 27588**

**Reference: Your child's surname and Fees 2025**



# 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.