

MOUNT BLOWHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

527 Millers Rd, Blowhard VIC 3352

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Dear parent/guardian,

Mount Blowhard Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mount Blowhard Primary School'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:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Language and PE;
- Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities.
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills.
- Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes.
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions.
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment.

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

Yours sincerely,

Robert Walsh – Principal

Liz Charles – School Council President

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Prep/Grade 1 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20)• Science/STEM – Equipment & Supplies (\$20)• Mathematics – (\$20)• English – book boxes (\$60)• Sports – equipment (\$15)	\$135
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$25
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$180

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

Mount Blowhard 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Foundation/Year 1 School Stay-back	\$45
Interschool sports program – Bus Travel	\$20
Swimming and water safety program	\$50
Possible Excursion	\$30
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$145

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 180
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 145
Total	\$ 325

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Grade 2/3/4 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20) • Science/STEM – Equipment & Supplies (\$20) • Mathematics – (\$20) • English – book boxes (\$60) • Sports – equipment (\$15) 	\$135
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$25
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$180

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

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 2/3/4 School Camp (estimated: \$340)	TBA
Interschool sports program – Bus Travel	\$20
Swimming and water safety program	\$50
Possible Excursion	\$30
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$440

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 180
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Confirmed closer to date	\$ 440 TBC
Total	\$ 620

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Grade 5 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20) • Science/STEM – Equipment & Supplies (\$20) • Mathematics – (\$20) • English – book boxes (\$60) • Sports – equipment (\$15) 	\$135
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$25
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$180

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

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 5/6 School Camp (estimated: \$340)	TBA
Interschool sports program – Bus Travel	\$20
Swimming and water safety program	\$50
Possible Excursion	\$30
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$440

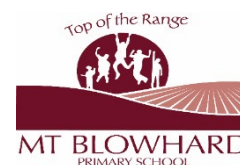
Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 180
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Confirmed closer to date	\$ 440 TBC
Total	\$ 620

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Grade 6 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20) • Science/STEM – Equipment & Supplies (\$20) • Mathematics – (\$20) • English – book boxes (\$60) • Sports – equipment (\$15) 	\$135
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$25
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$180

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

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The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 5/6 School Camp (estimated: \$340)	TBA
Graduation activity & Keepsake	\$60
Year 6 Polo Top	\$35
Year 6 Rugby Top	\$60
Interschool sports program – Bus Travel	\$20
Swimming and water safety program	\$50
Possible Excursion	\$30
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$595

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 180
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 595 TBC
Total	\$ 775

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Financial Support for Families

Mount Blowhard Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- 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:

Robert Walsh – Principal or Michelle Kramer – Business Manager

Ph: 03 5334 6354 | Email: mount.blowhard.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- Direct Deposit - Mt Blowhard Primary School **BSB: 083 001 Acc #: 759 286 737**
- BPAY - Biller Code: 87361 Ref #: 120370**** (Please see Invoice for individual family reference number)
- Cash and EFT payments available in the office

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.

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) 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.