

John Monash Science School

Year 10 Parent Payment Arrangements 2021

Dear Parent

Welcome to John Monash Science School, we look forward to another great year of teaching and learning with our new year 10s. We would like to advise you of John Monash Science School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for Year 10 attached. Please return the payment form to the school at or before orientation day so the school can prepare accordingly.

John Monash Science School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Financial Support for Families

John Monash Science School 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 for school uniform*
- *JMSS Opportunity Fund for supporting overseas trips for Health Card Holders*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our Business Manager Alison Galloway via email: Alison.galloway@jmss.vic.edu.au or our Assistant Principal in charge of student empowerment Sally Cheah-Johnson via email sally.cheah-johnson@jmss.vic.edu.au

Payment Methods

Payments can be made in full or by instalments via Compass, BPay, Centrepay or at the School Office.

Refunds

JMSS refund policy can be found on the school website

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

Yours sincerely,

*Peter Corkill
Principal*

*Stephen Duggan
School Council President*

Fee schedule – Year 10

For John Monash Science School to continue to offer the high quality education your child deserves we strongly encourage you to contribute to all items requested.

Please complete this form and return to the school by end of November so the school can prepare accordingly.

Section 1 - Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own where possible.

Monash Sports and Science Facilities

JMSS fortunately has the opportunity to hire Monash University Facilities to give our students access to high quality specialist facilities that are not available at JMSS including sport and lecture theatres.

Monash High Speed Internet and Network

Monash University provides high quality, reliable access to the internet and network for JMSS students across the whole campus.

Online learning platforms

Students have access to several high quality platforms considered essential for student learning at JMSS.

Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
School Diary, ID card and Handbooks	\$57.00
Monash Sports and Science Facilities	\$185.00
Monash High Speed Internet and Network	\$90.00
Required online subscriptions for learning platforms ie Canvas, Azure, GPA/Reports, Chronicle, Accelerus	\$73.00
Co-Curricular Program - (Do NOT INCLUDE IF STUDENT IS PARTICIPATING IN VET PROGRAM)	\$220.00
Whole School Sports Events- Swimming and Athletics Carnivals (Buses, venue hire etc)	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$665.00

Section 2 - Optional Items

John Monash Science School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
Locker Hire and Padlock (padlocks provided have a master key override for forgotten combinations)	\$43.00
Photocopier credit	\$15.00
Subscriptions to online learning programs and educational items ie Access IT, Grammarly, Turnitin, Clickview, The Age, Cosmos etc	\$77.00
School Magazine	\$35.00
Voice and Instrumental Music Program	\$
VET Program (Subject _____)	\$TBA 2021
	TOTAL \$

Section 3 - Voluntary Contributions

John Monash Science School strongly encourages you to pay the voluntary contributions for 2021 as JMSS has no independent income from items like facilities hire or International Students. JMSS parent contributions are extremely important to the education we offer to your child.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below. An explanation of the items follows.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
Voluntary Learning Items			
IT Support Program ie IT support staff, charging stations, back up devices when needed	No	\$133.00	
Charges for Subjects	No	\$420.00	
Materials and Services Charge	No	\$330.00	
Support Staff Charge	No	\$320.00	
Voluntary School Contributions			
Building and Grounds Maintenance	No	\$145.00	
Tax Deductible Building Fund	Yes	\$220.00	
Tax Deductible Library Fund	Yes	\$220.00	
Parents and Friends Association Membership	No	\$25.00	
TOTAL			\$

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items Amount _____

Optional Items Amount _____

Voluntary financial contribution Amount _____

Less Deposit \$440.00

TOTAL _____

IT Support Program

- Help with all school-related technology needs including Mathematica
- Provision of specialist Computer Technicians to assist students and families maintain secure access to the School Portal, School Intranet and Monash University ITS
- eServices will also provide students with access to short-term loan laptops, these school laptops are available to students whose machines are in the process of being repaired or replaced

Year 10 Subject Charges

- Covers the cost of instructional support material and resources beyond the provision of the standard curriculum program
- Tutoring - ie Maths Help on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Student entry into competitions such as AMT
- Math immersion day
- Specialised scientific equipment
- Personal Development Day
- License Fees for Programming Platforms
- UN Model
- Personal Development Day

Materials and Services Charge

- Security monitoring
- Specialist Sports & PE Equipment
- Classroom facilities including specialised furniture and equipment
- Class sets (additional to booklist items)
- Hi Tech Learning Technologies provision and maintenance to enhance all student learning opportunities

Support Staff Charge

- Specialist services such those delivered by our Empowerment Team and Maintenance Staff
- Student Course & Careers Support
- Student Support Staff to assist with the monitoring of student attendance and first aid
- Highly qualified Laboratory Support Staff to assist with High End Science Projects such as Poster Projects, and Extended Experimental Investigation

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution and will still receive the standard curriculum that is offered at all schools.

The Voluntary Contributions support the high quality academic programs offered at John Monash Science School.

All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Tax Deductible Building Fund

By contributing to the Tax Deductible Building Fund, you can make a significant investment in your child's education and improving the general facilities at John Monash Science School.

Since the establishment of the Building Fund in 2010, we have used parent contributions to develop a range of facilities in the school. This includes a covered amphitheatre, a new landscaped area north of the basketball court and increased outdoor recreation facilities for students. These facilities are now highly used by students and have only been made possible because of the support and generosity of parents.

We are also looking to expand facilities available for future generations of students to enjoy. We are planning to construct a multipurpose centre where the basketball court is currently situated. This facility will enable:

- sporting pursuits such as basketball, badminton, volleyball and netball to be played in all weather conditions,
- the creation of a lecture/performance space that can accommodate the entire school for assemblies, guest presentations and music concerts
- the remediation of facilities that we believe are lacking, such as change rooms, musical rehearsal rooms and also allow a space to be entirely dedicated to exams in November each year.

The facilities sub-committee of JMSS school council has already begun planning for this facility and we have developed a brief that has been submitted to DET. The concept of this facility has also been approved by Monash University. We regard the construction of this facility as being essential to JMSS expanding its opportunities for students and being able to be a lot more independent in relation to accessing essential facilities.

We believe that the construction of a facility such as this is achievable, and we would encourage every family to contribute to this fund in 2021. We estimate the facility will cost upwards of 3 million dollars and JMSS is also working hard to seek sponsorship from outside the school. If any parents are aware of potential funding sources, we would be delighted to hear of them – please contact us by phone or email at your earliest convenience.

Tax Deductible Library Fund

Every student at John Monash Science School should develop a love of reading. By contributing to the Tax Deductible Library Fund, you can make a significant investment in your child's education and John Monash Science School's Library.

Since the establishment of the Library Fund in 2010, we have used parent contributions to purchase an RFID Self-Loan Station and Electronic Security System. This state-of-the-art system is a success and allows our students to self-loan hardcopy non-fiction reference materials and audio-visual resources when they have needed it for their school-work.

Over the past year, we have continued to add fiction and non-fiction digital titles. This was made possible only because of the support and generosity of parents.

These titles are available to all of our students from the school's eLibraries. These are located at:

- i) <http://jmss.lib.overdrive.com> **and**
- ii) <http://www.jmss.ebilib.com.au>

We also provide a digital video on demand service to our students via <http://online.clickview.com.au>.

Access to these online services leverage the capacity of your child's laptop, smartphone or tablet to display digital materials.