

Dear parent/guardian,

Welcome to John Monash Science School. JMSS is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of John Monash Science School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum 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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Without this support it becomes challenging for the School to continue to offer the wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet, supply specialised Scientific Equipment and run more Lab Pracs which are over and above the standard curriculum funded by the Victorian Government.

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

Yours sincerely,

Peter Corkill

Principal

James Wright

School Council President



| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
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| <i>Subject Charges</i> | \$ |
| <i>Student ID Card, diary and handbooks</i> | \$60.00 |
| <i>Monash Sports, Lecture Theatres and Facilities Hire</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMSS regularly hires Monash University Facilities to give our students access to high quality specialist facilities available on the Campus that are not available at JMSS. | \$185.00 |
| <i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist Sports and PE Equipment Classroom facilities including specialised furniture and equipment Science – chemicals and equipment Hi Tech Learning Technologies provision and maintenance Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials | \$350.00 |
| <i>Year 10 Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vivi, Turnitin, Grammarly, Team Viewer, Canvas, Goatcodes, Fresh Services, Azure | \$80.00 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| <i>Subscription to online Learning Programs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessit Library, New Scientist, Open Athens, Read Plus, Screen Cloud, Snipei, Mentimeter, iNewsletter. | \$35.00 |
| <i>Student Empowerment Programs, Careers Support & Laboratory Support</i> | \$320.00 |
| <i>First aid equipment</i> | \$5.00 |
| <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i> | \$145.00 |
| <i>Parents and Friends Association Membership</i> | \$25.00 |
| Tax deductible contributions | |
| Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested donation. You may choose to assist with a different amount. | \$220.00 |
| Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested donation. You may choose to assist with a different amount. | \$220.00 |
| Total Amount | \$ |

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

John Monash Science School offers a range of 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**.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount |
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| <i>Co Curricular Program</i> | \$220.00 |
| <i>Locker Hire and Padlock - All students are required to have a school provided padlock and locker that has a masterkey held by the house leaders (only charged in Year 10)</i> | \$45.00 |
| <i>IT Support Program -</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dedicated IT support staff Help Desk to assist students and families maintain secure access to the School Portal, School Intranet and Monash University ITS</i> ● <i>Charging stations</i> ● <i>Short Term Loan devices and accessories for BYOD device breakdowns</i> | \$135.00 |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | |

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 Support for uniform

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

The Business Manager or the Assistant Principal - Student Empowerment

Ph: 03 9905 1002 | Email: john.monash.ss@education.vic.gov.au

Total

| Category | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$ |
| Other Contributions | \$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$ |

Payment methods

Payment through Compass is preferred. Itemised contributions will appear on your Compass account.

You may make payments by cash, cheque or credit card at the General Office.

If you wish to make payment by BPay please contact the General Office on 9905 1002 - General Office hours are 8.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

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.



2022 ADDITIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL APPROVED PAYMENTS YEAR 10 SUBJECTS

| SUBJECT | ✓ | REASON FOR LEVY | LEVY |
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| English | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">English Help Tutors | \$10.00 |
| Core Maths & Maths Methods 1 & 2 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maths Help | \$10.00 |
| Core Science | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covers the cost of instructional support material and resources beyond the provision of the standard curriculum program | \$45.00 |
| Enrichment Science Electives (see below) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covers the cost of instructional support material and resources beyond the provision of the standard curriculum programSpecialised scientific equipment | \$95.00 |
| Issues Studies | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covers the cost of instructional support material and resources beyond the provision of the standard curriculum program | \$5.00 |
| Data Science | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covers the cost of instructional support material and resources beyond the provision of the standard curriculum programTutors | \$50.00 |
| Physical Education | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covers the cost of instructional support material and resources beyond the provision of the standard curriculum program, hire of Monash sporting facilities | \$100.00 |
| French / Japanese | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covers support materialLanguage Assistants | \$55.00 |
| TOTAL | | With French / Japanese (No PE, PE to be done during Co-curricular) | \$270.00 |
| | | Without French / Japanese | \$315.00 |

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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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.