

Dear parent/guardian,

John Monash Science School 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 2026.

Victorian Government Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian 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, facilities, and support for our students. We want to thank you for your support, so that we can continue to provide students with access to world-class science and education research and ensuring our curriculum can continue to hit the cutting edge of contemporary knowledge and practice.

Without this support it becomes challenging for the school to continue to offer programs above the standard Victorian curriculum. Your contributions allow our School to provide the wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet, supply specialised Scientific Equipment and to run more experiments which are over and above the standard curriculum.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Andrew Chisholm*  
*Principal*

*Natalie Isborn*  
*School Council President*

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
Subject Contributions – (excluding Voice & Instrumental Music)	\$400.00
Science Laboratory Materials & Equipment	\$300.00
Online Subscriptions & Classroom Consumables (incl Turnitin, Grammarly, Edrolo etc)	\$100.00

<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
Student Services (Careers, Wellbeing Programs and Support, First Aid)	\$200.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$200.00

<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>
<b>Building fund.</b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>
<b>Library fund.</b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>

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

*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**.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
JMSS Diploma, Co-Curricular & Personal Development Programs.	\$350.00 (Paid by enrolment deposit)
Dedicated IT Support Program including extra support for the Monash University Network - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><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></li> <li><i>Charging stations &amp; Short-Term Loan devices and accessories for BYOD device breakdowns</i></li> </ul>	\$150.00 (Paid by enrolment deposit)
<b>Less 2026 Extra-Curricular (Enrolment) Deposit</b>	-\$500.00 (PAID)
Year 11 2026 – Voice & Instrumental Music (if applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual ½ hour</li> <li>Individual ¾ hour</li> <li>Individual 1 hour</li> </ul>	\$999.00

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensemble only</li> </ul>	\$1,498.50 \$1,998.00 \$90.00
Camps, Sport Activities, Competitions, Formals, Incursions/Excursions etc	Via Compass Events

### 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 (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief Support for uniform
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Activities

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](mailto:john.monash.ss@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$
Building/Library Fund <i>(Tax-deductible)</i>	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities <i>(only if selecting Voice &amp; Instrumental Music)</i>	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Payment methods

All payments are made through Compass. If you have any questions, please contact the General Office on 9905 1002 - 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 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 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.