

Parent Handbook



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Compass Education

Compass Education is a management system that Macleod College utilises to form a crucial educational partnership between home and the College. Through a personal secure online parent/guardian Compass account you receive important communication and are kept informed about your child's learning. By logging on to any device that is connected to the internet parents/guardians are able to:

- Access information regarding upcoming events
- View your child's timetable
- View and update school attendance
- Email your child/children's teacher(s)
- View comments from teachers about your child's behaviour and achievements
- View and print your child/children's school reports
- Book parent student teacher conferences
- Pay/consent for school excursions/sport/camps etc
- Pay School Charges
- Set up Payment Plans

The key to successful use of the Compass Parent Portal is to log on regularly and use this information to have regular discussions with your child.

ACCESSING COMPASS FOR THE FIRST TIME

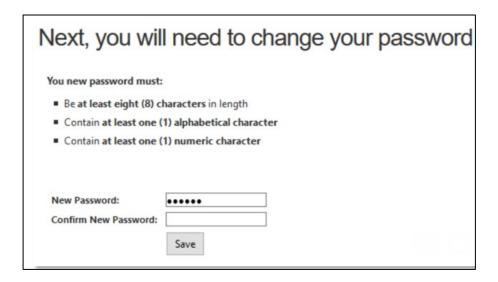
New families will receive a Compass letter with their login details once their child has been enrolled. This letter will have your Compass username and password for logging onto the Compass Parent Portal. If you have not received your login details please contact the College on 9459 0222.

The login page to your Compass Parent Portal can be found on the College website via the Quick Links at the bottom of the page.

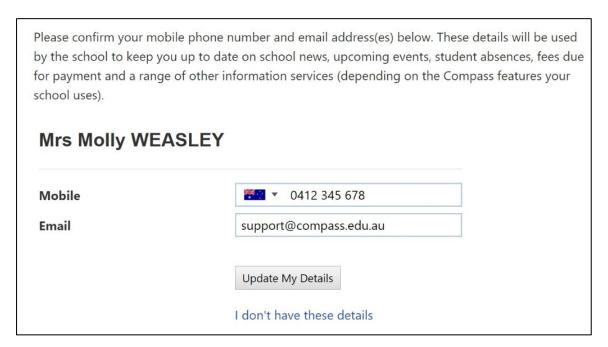


First Login

Enter the login details provided and click the log in button. On your first logon, you will be prompted to change your temporary password.



You will then be asked to verify your email address and mobile number. Please make sure the details are correct as these are used for College communications via the Compass School Manager.



Important: Ensure you protect your password so that it cannot be used by your child to approve absences, events etc. If you feel that your son/daughter knows your password you have the ability to change this at any time, using the 'My Accounts' button.

Home Page of Compass



Home

Will return you to the 'Home Page' from anywhere in Compass



Calendar

This will allow you to view your students Calendar of events and classes.



Teaching and Learning

View your students Learning Tasks' along with 'School Resources' eg. newsletters & other useful documents.



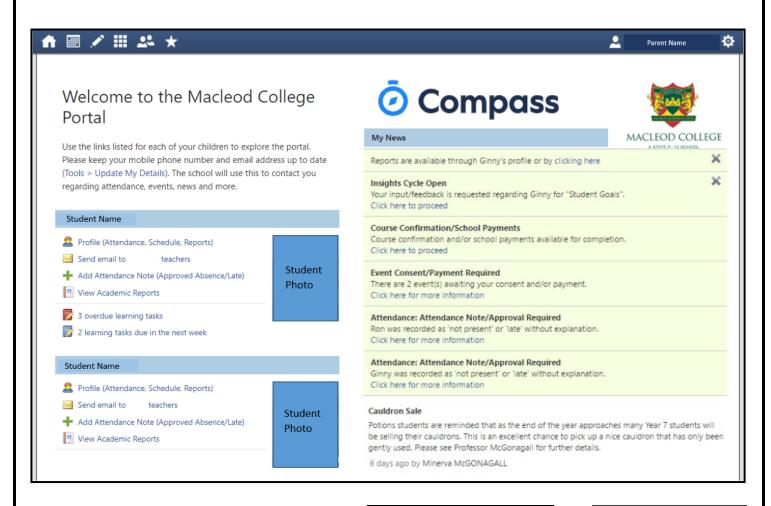
Organisation

Consent/Pay for Events, School Charges etc.



Community

Book Parent Student Teacher Conferences and view School Documentation.





Student Profile

View your studen'ts timetable, chronicle, attendance & reports.



Email teachers/staff at Macleod College.



Attendance Note

Add Parent Approvals for absences past/future.



Reports

View/Print all reports for your student during their time at Macleod College.

Student Profile

You will be able to view your child's Dashboard, Schedule, Learning Tasks, Attendance, Reports, Analytics, Insights and Chronicle.

Dashboard

Dashboard

View your student's timetable, chronicle, email staff, add attendance approvals. Schedule

Schedule

View your student's timetable.

Learning Tasks

Learning Tasks

View your students learning tasks.

Attendance

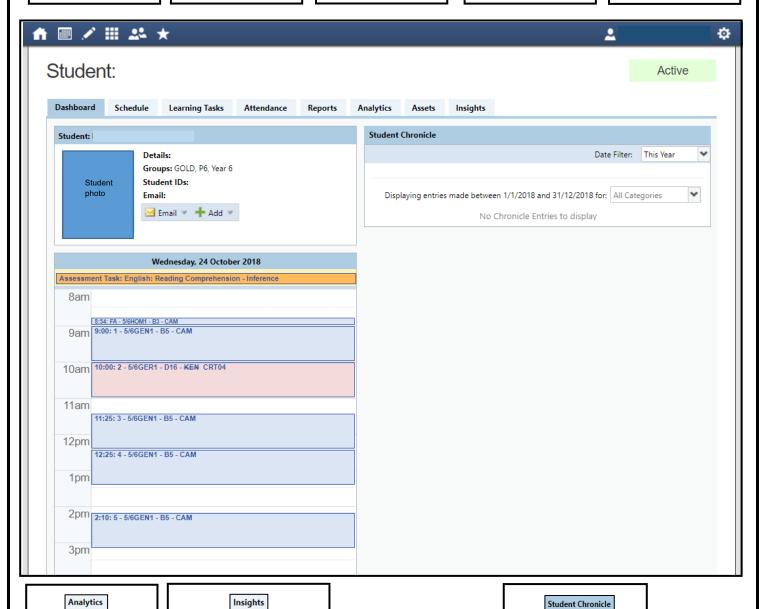
<u>Attendance</u>

Approve past/future absences.

Reports

Reports

View your student's school reports.



Analytics

Analytics

Naplan, AusVELS, On Demand data

Insights

Insights

When an insights cycle is available to be completed an alert will appear on the enrolled users Compass home page.

Chronicle

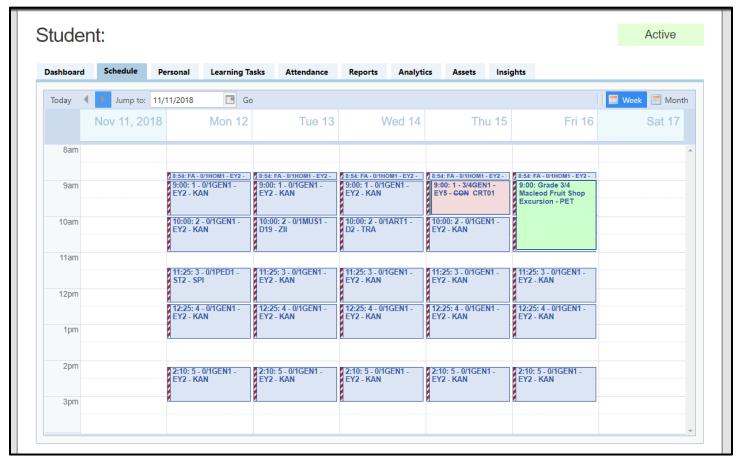
See statements entered by staff eg. Achievement, behaviour, sickbay & wellbeing.

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Student Schedule

This displays your child's week/ month schedule.

This includes Classes, Extra Curricular Activities and Events.



Staff /room
changes will
always be Red in
Colour.

9:00: 1 - 3/4GEN1 EY5 - CON CRT01

Normal Class – No Changes; will be Blue in colour

Events
These will always
be Green in colour

9:00: Grade 3/4
Macleod Fruit Shop
Excursion - PET

Learning Tasks

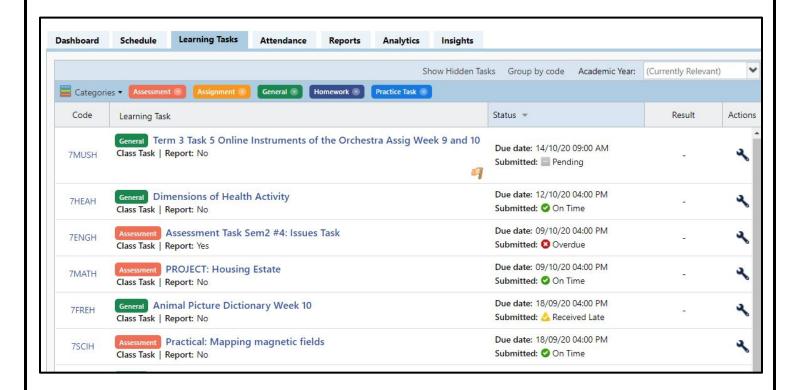
You will see a notification under your child's name they have any upcoming or overdue learning tasks.

You can see this alert highlighted in the image to the right.



Clicking the alert will take you to the Learning Tasks tab of your child's profile. From here you can see all the Learning Tasks that have been set for your child.

If there are no upcoming or overdue tasks, you can see all past tasks by hovering over the Teaching and Learning menu (pencil icon) and selecting 'Learning Tasks' from the drop-down menu.



Student Attendance - Summary

This displays your child's attendance history.

You also have the ability to approve unapproved absences or enter future known absences.

Summary

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This displays the student's 'Daily Activities & Attendance' along with a full summary in table form (bottom of page) showing attendance data percentages.

Notes/Approvals

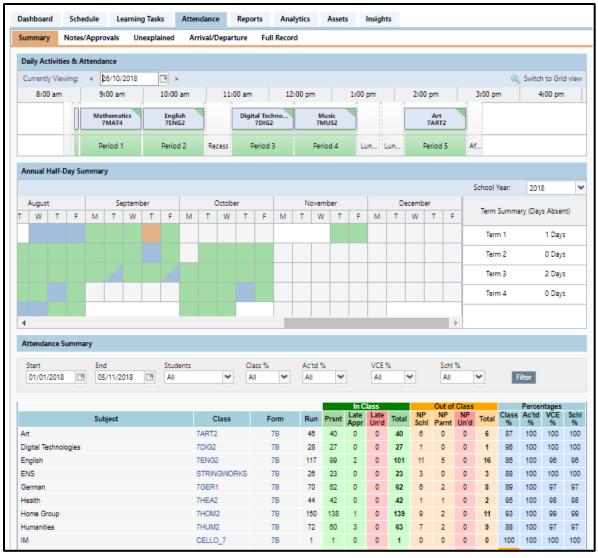
Notes/Approvals

Enter Parent Approvals as per page 8.

Arrival/Departure

Arrival/Departure

This displays a record of all Arrivals/ Departures involving your student. Students MUST sign in and out at the General Office.



Attendance Summary

Includes a summary of attendance in each class. For full details about a specific absence, click the appropriate number in the grid. For an explanation of a heading item, hover your mouse over the heading of interest. When students are marked 'Not Present' in class this can sit in one of three different categories. These include:

-NP Schl Not present in class and approved by school related activity.
-NP Parnt Not present in class and approved by a parent approval.
-NP Unap Not present in class with no approval entered.

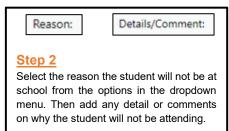
Notes/Approvals - Parent Approved Absence

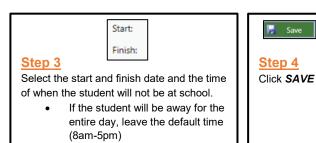
If your child will not be at school for part of or a whole day, you are able to approve the absence without having to phone the College.

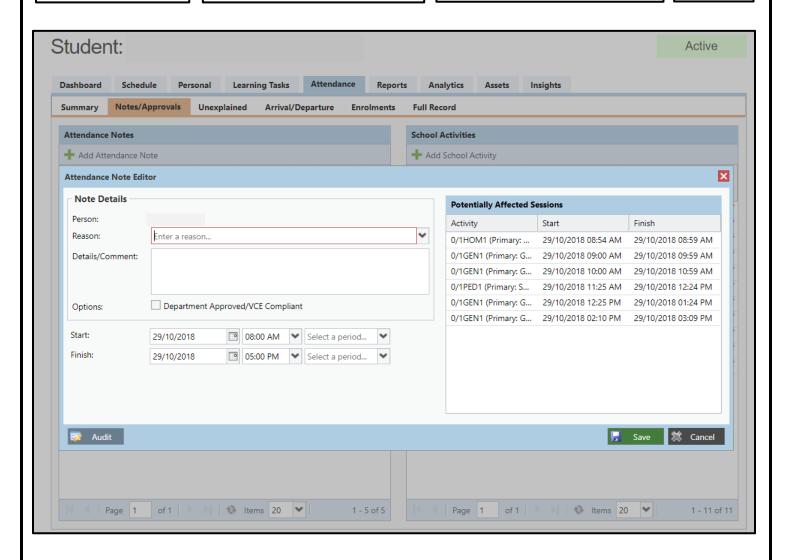
This can be done the morning of the absence or if it is a planned event, it can be entered any time prior. Parents/Guardians aren't able to delete these entries, if a mistake is made then phone the college on 9459 0222 and one of our office staff will assist you.

An attendance SMS is sent out daily at 10.30am for Unapproved Absences



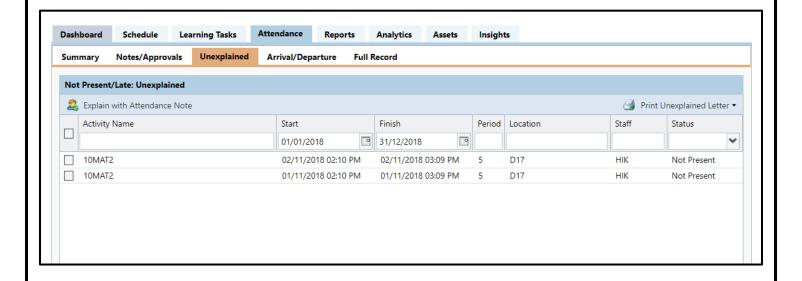


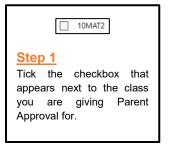


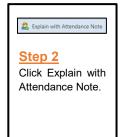


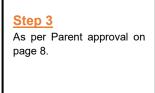
Unexplained Absences - Require Parent Approval

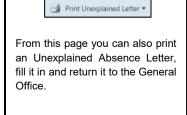
If your student has any unexplained absences, they will be visible in this section.











You will receive a notification if your child was marked as 'not present' in class or 'late' to school, under the 'My News' section on your Home Page.

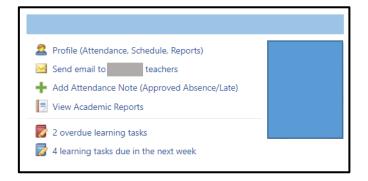
Attendance: Attendance Note/Approval Required

Ron was recorded as 'not present' or 'late' without explanation.

Click here for more information

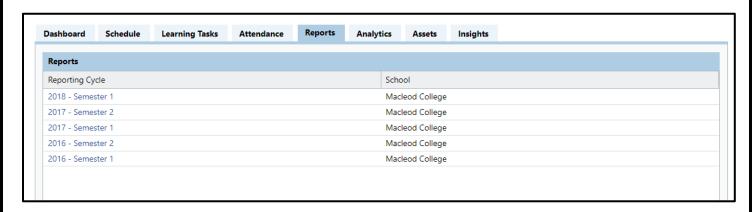
If you feel your child's attendance was marked incorrectly please contact Attendance Officer, Emma Wagner on 9459 0222.

Student Reports





A list of Academic Reports will be displayed. Click the Report title to download the PDF onto any device.



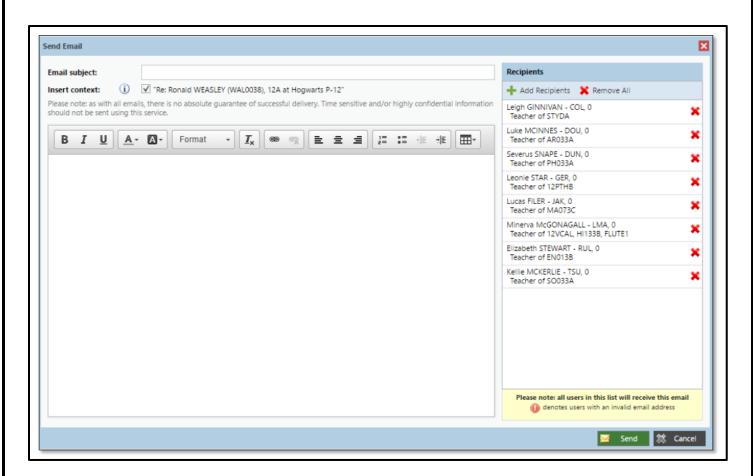


Emailing Staff

You can email the teachers of your children, as well as any other staff members at Macleod College from your Compass homepage by clicking on the link underneath your child's name.



Clicking this link will open the email pop-up window, with all of the teachers for the student listed as recipients. You can select the red cross next to each recipient to remove them from the email, or click the 'Add Recipients' button at the top to add any other staff members.



Events - Consent and Payment

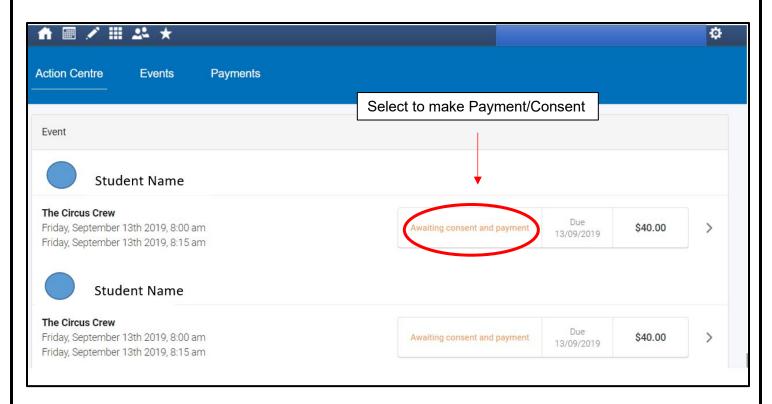
From your Compass home page, click on the event alert under 'My News' or navigate to 'Events' under the *Organisation* menu item.





From the Events page a list of upcoming events and excursions will be displayed.

Click the 'Awaiting Consent and Payment' button.

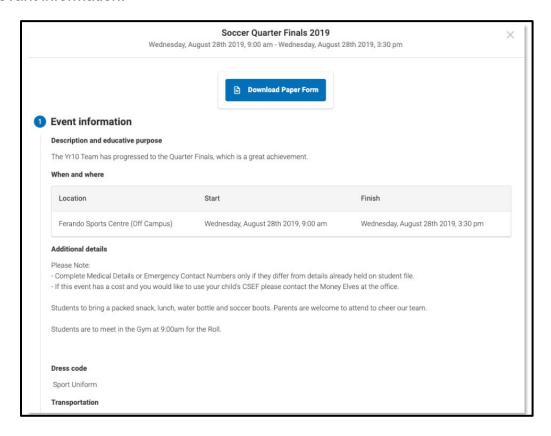


An online payment/consent form will be displayed. Complete all highlighted relevant fields and click the "Submit Details' button.

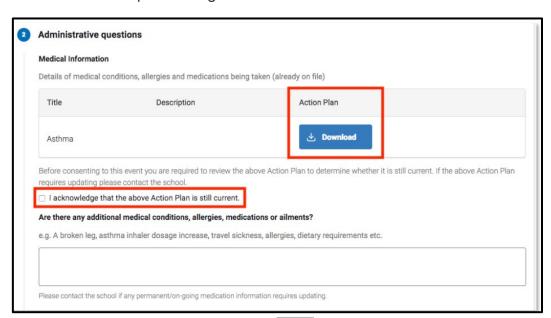
Please keep in mind that within Compass you cannot consent for an event that has a payment associated with it without also paying for the event. If you need to pay in person at the school you should print out the paper consent form and turn it in with payment to the school.

Events - Consent and Payment - Cont...

Read all relevant information.

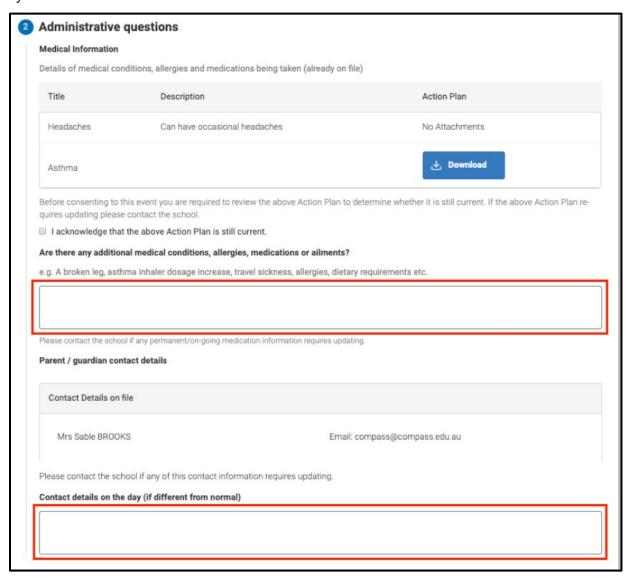


- If the student has any medical information currently on file, it will display in the 'Medical Information' section.
- You can review what is on file, including the current Action Plan (or plans) on file if applicable for your child, and add any updated medical information into the field if required.
- For parents with a child who has a current Action Plan, you are asked to acknowledge the plan as still current before proceeding.



Events - Consent and Payment - Cont...

Fill in any medical conditions or alternate contact details for the event.

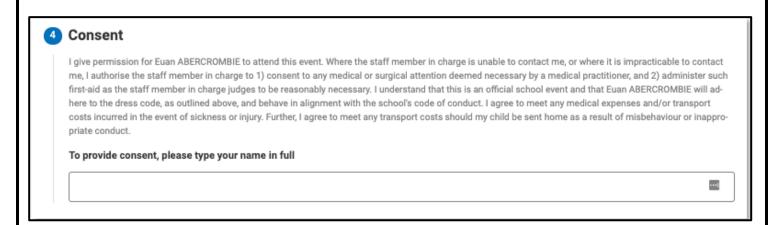


If there are Questions associated with the event, you will be prompted to respond.

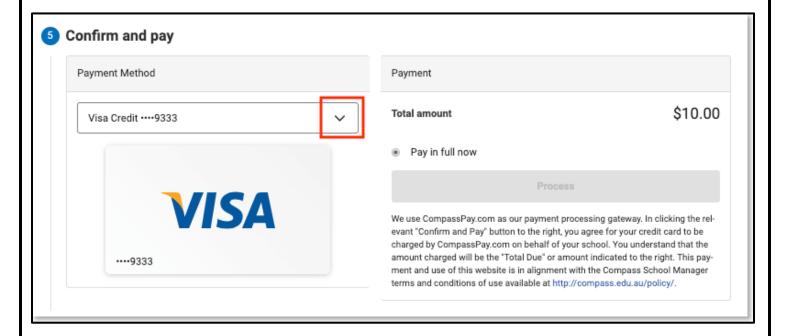


Events - Consent and Payment - Cont...

Type in your name for consent



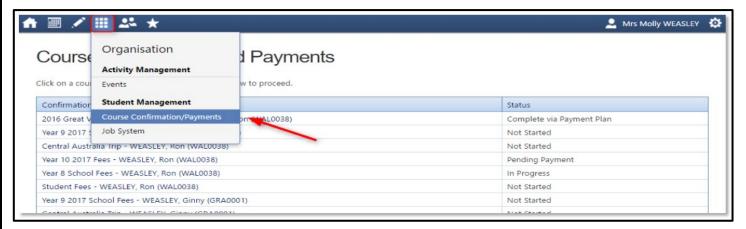
Enter payment details



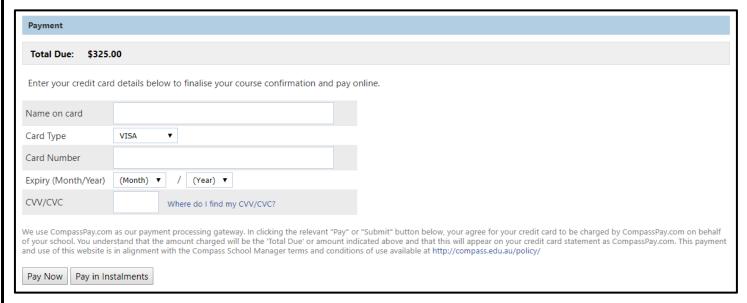
Click Process

Course Confirmation/Payment

Standard College Charges, Camps, VET, Music Academy, Elective Subjects, etc associated with your child will be accessible on Compass School Manager via Course Confirmation/Payments.



Click which item you will be paying for and enter in your payment details.



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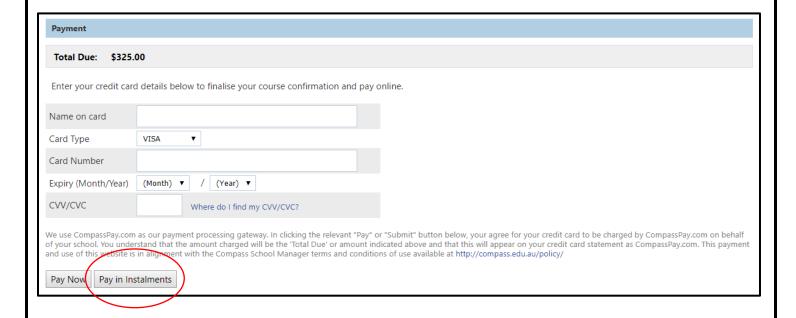
Alternatively, you can pay in person at the school - a range of payment options are available.

By clicking the blue link this will download a printable form that you will need to fill in and return to the College.

Payment Plans

Macleod College offers payment plans for selected Course Confirmations.

Payment plan dates decided are by the College and cannot be changed by the payee.



- Fill in Card details
- Click on Pay in Instalments, a pop up window confirming the payment plan dates will appear. The displayed amounts will be deducted from your nominated card on the given dates.
- Click on the "Confirm" button to finalise your payment plan.

*If you are experiencing financial hardship and are having difficulties in meeting these payment dates, please contact Nina Nigro, Business Manager, to discuss the options available.

Compass App

Both the iOS and Android applications are available to download for free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store. Once installed and opened for the first time, there will be a prompt to choose which school the user is from.

NOTE: The mobile application is not designed for complete use of the Compass platform; it is designed for quick access to a set of specific items of information and specific actions. All features for Student users included in the application are outlined in this article.

- View your child/children's schedule
- View your child/children's learning tasks
- View your child/children's Reports
- View your child/children's Chronicle entries
- Add Attendance Notes
- Make Conference bookings

Installation and Setup

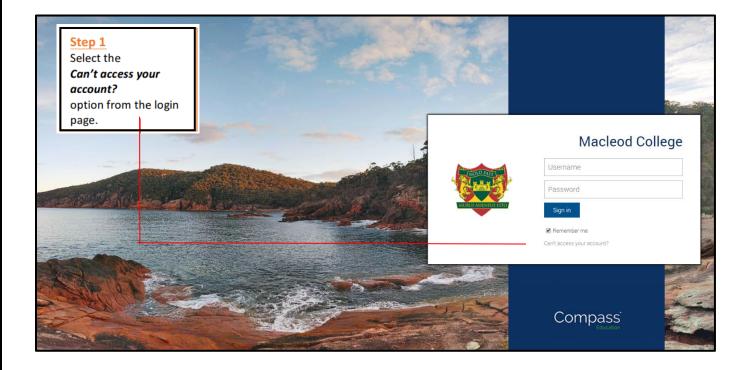
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After selecting the school there will be an opportunity to enter a Login ID and Password and if successful, the account will be saved to the device.



Forgotten Password



This link will take you through the password recovery process, which you can complete using your mobile phone number, or email address.

OR

Phone the General Office on 9459 0222 and request a password reset.

