



MACLEOD COLLEGE

A STATE P~12 SCHOOL

30 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Macleod College School Council 2021 Parent Payment Arrangements

Macleod College School Council acknowledges the challenging year 2020 was and would like to thank those families that continued to support the College through payment of their school charges.

The School Council has approved the College's parent payment charges for 2021. Every effort is made to keep these charges to a minimum so that they remain affordable for all families. The charges and contributions enable the College to maintain high quality programs. However, we are reliant on your financial support.

There are 3 areas for which parents may reasonably be requested to make a payment or contribution:

- 1. Essential Student Learning Items**
E-learning subscriptions, Art and Library supplies, etc.
- 2. Voluntary Financial Contributions**
General Subject Contribution, Wellbeing, Maintenance, etc.
- 3. Optional Items**
Elective Subjects that require a charge for Years 9 to 12, Music Academy Instrumental Music charges, VET program, etc.

These areas are all fundamental in supplying items and equipment not provided through Government funding. The additional contributions allows us to offer our students and parents a better level of service and program delivery.

We ask that you support us by paying the:

- **Essential Student Learning Items**
- **Voluntary Contributions** (in particular the **General Subject Contribution**)
- **Optional Items**

We wish to continue offering a curriculum program that is both engaging and varied, although this is dependent on adequate funds raised through our charges and contributions by our families. Any shortfall in funds raised in the 3 categories will impact our future curriculum offerings.

We have not increased our charges and contributions, rather have restructured them so may look slightly different to 2020. Families will not pay anymore in 2021.

In 2021, the College has reduced the **Essential Student Learning Items** charge and will instead be asking for a **General Subject Contribution**.

For example, Year 9:

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| • 2020 | Essential Student Learning Items | \$450 |
| • 2021 | Essential Student Learning Items (\$100) plus
General Subject Contribution \$350 | \$450 |

Financial Support for Families

Macleod College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides support for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions
- State Schools' Relief (SSR) support for clothing/uniforms.
- Wellbeing Support
- Second-Hand Uniform Shop and annual Second-Hand Book Shop (subject to COVID-19 restrictions)
- Community Support options
- Modified payment plans

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can contact Nina Nigro, Business Manager, for a confidential discussion about accessing these services. To make alternative payment arrangements, please phone 9459 0222 or email nina.nigro@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Financial payment or contribution by families is critical to maintaining the quality of education, student services and school environment. Parents and Carers are strongly encouraged to support their children's education experience by making all requested payments.

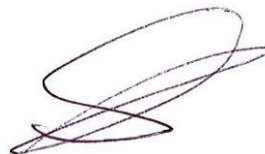
2021 College Charges associated with your child/children are payable via **Compass – Course confirmation** from **4pm on Wednesday, 4 November 2020** or by contacting the General Office on 9459 0222. Please refer to payment options attachment for more details.

We wish you all a safe end to 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Mario Panaccio
Principal



Wayne Richards
School Council President

CHARGES SCHEDULE YEARS PREP to 12

MACLEOD COLLEGE SCHOOL COUNCIL 2021 PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES

Payment options are provided through Compass 'Course Confirmation' or by contacting the General Office on 9459 0222. All student charges for 2021 will be available after **4pm on Wednesday 4 November 2020**.

Payment in full or first instalment is to be paid by **4 December 2020**. See payment plan attachment for full details.

2021 North of the Yarra Booklists (online)

2021 Booklists will be available late November 2020. Orders are to be placed online, through North of the Yarra website. If you choose 'School Delivery' or 'Home Delivery', the cut-off date is Wednesday, 9 December 2020. Alternatively, you can collect directly from North of the Yarra, Strathallan Rd, Macleod. See the booklist for full details.

Essential Student Learning Items

Parent contributions toward the Essential Student Learning Items are **crucial** to maintain the quality of education provided at Macleod College. Your support in payment of these charges will help us achieve this.

	ITEMS INCLUDED	CHARGE	
Prep - 6	E-learning subscriptions: 1. Reading Eggs 2. EdAlive Maths or MATHLETICS Art & Library Supplies – paper, coloured paper, glitter, glue, paint & craft materials Educational Resources & Supplies Reading Books STEM Materials	\$ 25 \$ 15 \$ 30 \$ 30 \$ 25 \$ 25	\$150
Years 7 - 8	E-learning subscriptions: 1. Careers Tools Locker Hire & Maintenance (*new lockers) Art/Technology – eg: craft paper, clay, canvas, paint, specialised paper, materials Digital Technology	\$ 30 \$ 20 \$ 50 \$ 30	\$130
Years 9 - 10	E-learning subscriptions: 1. Careers Tools Locker Hire & Maintenance (*new lockers)	\$ 80 \$ 20	\$100
Years 11 - 12	E-learning subscriptions: 1. Careers Tools Graduation / Awards fee	\$ 80 \$ 50	\$130

Voluntary Contributions

Financial assistance toward Voluntary Contributions further support the educational programs at Macleod College.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS	2021
<p>General Subject Contribution These contributions directly fund a number of important programs including classroom technology, classroom sets and consumables for each Key Learning Area. It also supports the College's 21st Century curriculum programs and STEM equipment for all students.</p> <p>Years 7 to 8 Years 9 to 10 Years 11 to 12</p>	<p>\$220 \$350 \$370</p>
<p>Wellbeing The College provides invaluable wellbeing support to the whole school community. It also provides some students extra support with uniforms and programs, as needed.</p>	<p>\$30</p>
<p>First Aid Contributions support the First Aid Officers employed directly by the College Council and help build the fund for a second Heart Defibrillator.</p>	<p>\$20</p>
<p>ICT Equipment Fund – Infrastructure Project Contributions towards new equipment purchased in 2020 include replacement of 5 servers and Wi-Fi network upgrades at a cost of \$30,000.</p>	<p>\$25</p>
<p>Grounds and Maintenance Fund Maintenance over the past 3 years has provided improved spaces at the College. In 2021, we would like to fund new student seating and enhance landscaping areas.</p>	<p>\$30</p>

Optional Items

Macleod College offers a range of optional programs and electives that are **additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum** and require payment. These programs and electives are designed to broaden the school experience.

ELECTIVES (User Pays Basis)		2021	SEMESTER / YEAR
Year 8	Food Technology (Core Subject)	\$60	Semester
Year 9	Patisserie / Food Technology	\$90	Semester
Year 10	Creative Cakes	\$90	Semester
Year 9 & 10	Materials	\$30	Semester
Year 10	Photography	\$30	Semester
Year 11 (Units 1 & 2) Year 12 (Units 3 & 4)	VCE Arts VCE Arts <i>(Where expensive materials are required by an individual student for a project, additional charges may apply)</i>	\$150	Year
Victorian Education & Technology (VET) Charges Students who participate in VET will receive a separate charges letter from the VET Co-ordinator.			

MUSIC ACADEMY PROGRAM	ANNUAL CHARGES	2021
Where a student has been successful in getting a place in the program, full payment of music charges or an active payment plan must be in place by 4 December 2020 for your child to commence lessons in 2021. <i>NB: Any 2020 outstanding Instrumental Music charges must be paid in full before 2021 tuition commences.</i>	Prep -10 Tuition	*\$550
	VCE Tuition	*\$650
	Piano / Drum Hire & Maintenance	\$150
	Instrument Hire <i>(Dependant on availability of instruments)</i>	\$200
	2 nd Instrument Tuition	\$200
*\$100 deposit is required to secure a place in the Music Academy Program. <i>This amount will be deducted from the tuition fees; eg- \$550 - \$100 deposit leaves a balance of \$450.</i>		

Payment Options

Option 1 – Payment Plan

College charges are dispersed equally over an eight-month period, with the first instalment due on **4 December 2020** and the final instalment due on 4 July 2021.

For students participating in VET, Year 7 Camp (subject to COVID restrictions) and Instrumental Music - instalment dates are as listed below.

Compass Payment Plan Dates for 2021
Please log into Compass to set up your Payment Plan/s

MONTH	COLLEGE CHARGES	YEAR 7 CAMP TBC	INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION P - 12	INSTRUMENT HIRE	ELECTIVES <i>Final payment due dates</i>	VET
November 2020			27/11/20 <i>\$100 deposit</i>			30/11/20 <i>Deposit</i>
December 2020	04/12/20 <i>*Full payment or Payment plan</i>	17/12/20				
January 2021	04/01/21	17/01/21	31/01/21			31/01/21
February 2021	04/02/21	17/02/21		15/02/21	Semester 1 26/02/21	
March 2021	04/03/21		22/03/21			
April 2021	04/04/21					
May 2021	04/05/21		22/05/21			
June 2021	04/06/21			15/06/21		
July 2021	04/07/21		22/07/21		Semester 2 30/07/21	

Option 2 – Pay in Full

Payments can be made in full by **4 December 2020** or as soon as practicable via Compass Education – Course Confirmation, by phone or in person at the General Office.

Option 3 – Modified Payment Plan

A modified payment plan can be set up for weekly, fortnightly or other. Families with more than one student can ask to set up only one plan instead of multiple plans. Please contact the General Office to arrange the plan that works for you.

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.

Department and Education & Training (DET) Parent Payment Policy and frequently asked questions available on the DE&T website www.education.vic.gov.au