



Melton South Primary School

Dear Parents/Guardians

Melton South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Melton South Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for Grades Prep to 6 attached. Melton South Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

School Council has costed the **Essential Student Learning Items package at:-**

- \$185.00* for Grade Prep, per student. (Includes a Library Book bag)
- \$175.00* for Grade 1-6, per student.

***In 2021, due to impact of COVID-19 in 2020, we will be subsidizing this fee by \$75.00. We are requesting parents to pay only \$100 for Grades 1-6 & \$110 for Grade Prep. This COVID-19 Subsidy will only be available in 2021.**

Financial Support for Families

Melton South Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Pay by instalments: Instalment Plan 1 – Pay by 4 instalments of \$25.00. First payment due by 30th October 2020, 2nd payment due by 30th November 2020, 3rd payment due by 30th December 2020 and last payment due by 30th January 2021. Grade Prep students will need to pay an extra \$10 for the Library bag.
- Payment plan: Pay by as many instalments, which suits your budget. This can be \$5, \$10, \$20, every week or fortnight until paid in full. We encourage you to commence progressive payments early.
- There are a number of support options available for parents including but not limited to, MacKillop Family Services at 195-209 Barriers Road, Melton PH: 8746 0500, which may be able to assist with financial hardship.
- Eligible families may also apply for assistance of \$125 per child to assist with the costs of school camp, sporting events and school excursions.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please make an appointment to see one of our Assistant Principals by phoning 9743 2922 to arrange a payment plan.

Payment Methods

The School-level Parent Payment Charges can be paid via CASH / EFTPOS / BPAY. We understand that this could quickly add up for families with more than one child at school, therefore we strongly encourage you to start making progressive payments as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Costigan, School Principal

Mirjana Wilson, School Council President



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FEE SCHEDULE – GRADES PREP TO 6

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Melton South Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

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.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Stationery pack (See separate list for items)	\$85
Online Learning Subscriptions to Reading Eggs and Mathletics	\$30
Materials for classroom projects & activities	\$25
Consumables for Art/STEAM	\$35
Library Bag (Grade Prep only)	\$10
TOTAL	\$175.00 or \$185 for Grade Prep which includes a library bag
PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO PAY PER STUDENT	\$100.00 Grades 1-6 or \$110 for Grade Prep (After \$75 COVID-19 subsidy applied.)

Attached is a booklist which guides you on the everyday items that your child will use in the classroom. If you elect not to purchase the booklist through the school please ensure children come to school on the first day with the required materials.

Optional Items

Melton South Primary 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, such as incursions, excursions, camps, Grade 6 Graduation and Grade 6 polo shirt. Please note there will be additional costs for these. Every endeavour will be made to allow for sufficient time for payment of these extra activities. We will send out separate information about these throughout the year.

Voluntary Contributions

Melton South Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. 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.

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Items to be brought from home

Long sleeved Art Smock - clearly labelled with your child's name

School Hat with logo - available from the uniform shop. Cost \$12

Headphones Grades 1-2 (Shintaro stereo headset with inline microphone) – can be used from previous year or purchase a new set from the office. Cost \$10.