



# 2018 Mount Eliza Secondary College Parent Payment Charges Steiner Year 8

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Code (office use) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Code (office use) \_\_\_\_\_

Please find the itemised list that includes essential student learning items (those items that your child needs for school) and Optional Items (that you can choose whether your child participates in or accesses).

Mount Eliza Secondary College makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. If you will have difficulty making payments please contact Brenda Barker or Deb Farag to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

**Please Note:** Additional school charges may arise during the year. **For example: Sport excursions which are approximately \$10 participation. We also anticipate that there may be 3-4 excursions planned during the year with an estimated cost between \$8 and \$40 each (not including the costs of purchasing food items on the day).**

## Essential Student Learning Items

Item	Specifications	Cost	Sub total
Art	Materials	\$105	
English	Word Flyer Program, Text levy & Materials	\$ 58	
Food Technology	Groceries	\$ 72	
Indonesian	Language Perfect Program & Materials	\$ 45	
Mathematics	Maths Pathway or similar software & materials	\$ 85	
Performing Arts	Script	\$ 10	
Materials Technology	Materials	\$ 15	
Science	Materials	\$ 20	
Textiles	Materials	\$ 10	\$420
Instrumental Music	Tuition & Ensemble	\$250	\$250
eBook Bundle	Hard copy texts are no longer required for most subjects (novels are required for English and texts are required for Indonesian/workbook for Art). The IT department will forward log in details for student access when available	\$110	\$110
Classroom Music	Learning in Music	\$250	\$250
	Book and Stationery lists to be provided separately for Steiner students		

**Note: Parents may choose to provide or purchase some items themselves. If you choose to do this you must consult with the school so that your child has the right items. There may be some items or services you cannot purchase yourself.**

Item	Cost	
College Council Requested Items The following are some of the items which cover School Council Requested Items: Compass access, Clickview access, First Aid Materials, Newsletter and selected handbooks, Student Leadership Program, Peer Support Program, Locker Hire, Sport Subsidy, Form Assembly Program, Inter school sport affiliations, Provision of college representative uniform, Swimming Carnival, Athletics Day, IT program (maintenance, technical support and software), Presentation Night and Careers Program.	\$400	
College Magazine	\$ 14	

Item	Amount (please nominate how much you would like to donate)
To supplement Government funds the school council requests a voluntary contribution. This contribution assists with grounds, asset replacement and transition & support.	\$ _____

## Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Items Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary Financial Contribution Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

# Finance Matters

Our preferred method of payment is directly through the Compass Portal; however other methods of payment are available if required. If you already have a child at the school you will access to the Compass portal and payments can be made via the due dates below.

**Existing Compass families:** After 1st October you will be able to view your next years, Year 7 student. Payment is due in full on 13/10/2017 or via 4 equal instalments 13/10/2017, 10/11/2017, 08/12/2017 & 12/01/2018.

**New families to Compass:** You will receive your Compass login details at the end of the Orientation day in December, you will be able to make payment in full (Payment in Full by 2nd February) or alternatively come into the office to organise a Payment Plan asap (to be completed by 30/03/18, end of term 1)

Payment Plans are also available- (must be in agreement with the school)

**BPay:**(details as shown on your family statement), if unsure please call the office for the B-Pay Biller Code and B-Pay Reference Code.

## **Direct Debit:**

1. Deductions can be made via a credit card on the 20th of the month or
2. From your nominated bank account on the 15th of the month

Please complete a MESC Payment Deduction Form and return to the general office. Alternately this can be arranged over the phone or in person at the general office

3. You may start the deduction at any time suitable to you, however it must be completed by the end of term 1 (30th March)
4. All payment arrangements must be arranged with staff via the general office

**Centrelink:** CentrePay is a free direct billing service available to customers who receive a Centrelink payment. If you are interested in setting this deduction up, please come in to the office to complete the paperwork.

**CSEF:** (Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund) Parents who hold a valid means tested concession card maybe eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child/ren. The allowance is \$225/student if eligible. If applicable please fill out the CSEF application. For Year 7 students this can be allocated to the Year 7 Orientation camp in February.

**Uniform Assistance:** If you are eligible for CSEF you will automatically qualify to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools Relief. If your child receives CSEF assistance and is in Year 6 in 2017 you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools' Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2018. Please come in to the office and complete the required form. (Please be aware that if you did not receive CSEF in 2017 you will need to complete the form, however you will be eligible for the winter uniform pack instead of the summer pack).

If you have any queries or questions please make an appointment to see Deb Farag or Brenda Barker. As always, all conversations are held in the strictest of confidence.

Please read an excerpt from our College Newsletter dated August 2017

## **Levies:**

It is an expectation that Essential Educational Items are paid to support the provision of quality materials and items. ALL funds collected as Essential Education Items provide the ONLY budget to our teachers (i.e. classroom materials for our students). Students chose subjects and families approve the choice of electives, therefore subjects have been planned and costed according to the commitments made by families. If we want to continue to give our children excellent education with relevant resources, parent contributions are imperative. School Council is aware of the financial constraints placed on families and ensure levy charges are kept to an absolute minimum. Staff are held accountable for the resources they require and undergo meticulous monitoring. If we wish to maintain our status as a school of excellence, we need to provide the best for our children.

We do not want to compromise our programs. If families do not honour their commitment it is very difficult to deliver the programs as planned. Programs then have to be altered to account for the reduction in revenue., compromising what has been planned and can be delivered. Whilst we receive funds from the government to educate our children, the amount is minimal and certainly does not keep up with increasing costs.

We rely on the college community to partner with us in supporting the learning of our children so that the high standards expected of Mount Eliza SC can be maintained.

Brenda Barker  
Business Manager