



2020 Mount Eliza Secondary College Parent Payment Charges **Steiner Year 7**

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).**

<u>Essential Student Learning Items</u>		Cost	Total
Art	Materials	\$105	
Connect	Materials	\$ 10	
Global Literacies	Word Flyer Reading Program, Text levy, Incursion & Materials	\$ 88	
Food Technology	Groceries & Materials	\$ 72	
Indonesian	Language Perfect Program & Materials	\$ 45	
Mathematics	Maths Pathway or similar software & Materials	\$ 85	
Performing Arts	Script & Materials	\$ 12	
Materials Technology	Materials	\$ 15	
Science	Materials	\$ 20	
Sport	Materials	\$ 10	
Textiles	Materials	\$ 12	\$474
eBook Bundle	Hard copy texts are no longer required for most subjects (novels are required for English and texts are for Indonesian/workbook for Art). The IT department will forward log in details for student access when available	\$120	\$120
Instrumental Music	Tuition & Ensemble (Steiner group only)	\$400	\$400
Yr 7 Orientation Camp	The Summit Trafalgar Monday 03/02/2020	\$390	\$390
Steiner Specific	Some materials e.g. main lessom book, felt tip pens & painting paper	\$ 48	\$ 48

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 Items The following are <u>some</u> of the items which cover School Council Items: Compass access, Clickview access, First Aid materials, Swimming Carnival, Athletics Day, Newsletter and selected handbooks, Student Leadership Program, Peer Support Program, Locker Purchase, Sport Subsidy, Connect Assembly Program, Employ a Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Inter school sport affiliations, provision of college representative uniform, Employ a maintenance person, maintain grounds, paint the college, update teaching spaces, IT program (maintenance, including internet, technical support and software), Presentation Night and Careers Program.	\$410	
Instrumental Music Tuition & Ensemble Group Lesson — Students enrolling in Instrumental Music need to refer to the Instrumental Music Agreement (Group Lesson \$200/Shared Lesson \$345/Private Lesson \$600 per semester)		
College Year Book—Ripple	\$ 18	
Building Fund—Tax Deductable To supplement Government funds the school council requests a voluntary contribution to help build capital for new works. The College aims to accumulate additional funds to enable MESC to undertake new projects to meet student need. (We suggest \$110, please nominate how much you would like to contribute)		

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.

Dates: Payment is due in full on 12/12/2019 or via 4 equal instalments 12/12/2019, 24/01/2020 24/02/2020 & 24/03/2020.

Alternatively come into the office to organise a Payment Plan asap (to be completed by 24/03/2020)

Existing Compass families: After 1st October you will be able to view your next years, Year 7 student.

New families to Compass: You will receive your Compass login details at the end of the Orientation day in December.

Payment Plans are also available- (must be in agreeance 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.

4. All payment arrangements must be arranged with staff via the general office

Centrelink: CentrePay is a free direct billing service available to clients 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 in Year 6 2019, 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 2020. Please come in to the office and complete the required form. (Please be aware that if you did not receive CSEF in 2019 and are eligible you will need to complete the uniform pack request form, however you will receive the voucher during term 1 2020).

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

Please read an excerpt from a previous College Newsletter

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