



MOUNT HAWTHORN EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

Contributions & Charges Policy

2021-2023

Introduction

Mount Hawthorn Schools Board endorses the schedule of Contributions and Charges. The schedule is broken into four sections and will allow families to calculate all costs relating to education that they may incur throughout the school year. This is a requirement of the School Education Act 1999 and will understandably be very useful in enabling families to budget for such an important area of their expenditure.

Section 1: Voluntary Contributions

The total amount of voluntary contributions parents and carers are asked to pay has been contained within the \$60.00 maximum set in the School Education Regulations 2000. Costs for excursions are estimated at the start of the year to enable parents to budget for them.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2017		<u>CHARGES</u> – for potential activities (Estimated maximum cost) These activities are additional to the planned programme and participation is voluntary.							
Curriculum Area	ITEM	Pre-P	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	
Technology (Computer)	10.00	Interm Swimming – Term 1	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Art & Craft	10.00	Excursions / per visit	20.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Life Skills - Shopping	40.00	Incursion / per visit	10.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
P & C Contribution	70.00	Graduation							30.00
TOTAL PAYABLE	\$130.00	Inclusion/ Integration Program	10.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00

Charges:

Parents will receive a note during the year when these activities are planned and payment is required.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the areas listed. While Contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be enhanced when each family makes a contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments. Payment plans are also available to parents who may prefer to pay fees in instalments.

Section 2: Charges for Extra Cost Optional Components

A breakdown of estimated Extra Cost Optional courses for a student's participation in school visits, excursions, class activities etc have been included in the schedule above in blue. Students will only incur costs when they are involved in a particular activity. The amounts represent the **maximum** that will be charged for scheduled activities in 2017.

Parents will be asked to make payment for each activity as it approaches.

The charges schedule includes costs associated with: specific learning activities and available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. school visits, excursions, classroom cooking, etc

All schools, including ours, offer some optional services that incur costs but are not directly related to education. These may be accessed directly through the school or by way of the P&C and include School Photos, Scholastic Book Club, School Uniforms, Vacation Swimming, charitable collections. These services are available to parents if they wish to make use of them. It might be helpful for parents to include them in calculating up-front costs, although the actual costs vary and have not been estimated in our calculations.

Section 3: Stationery Requirements and Items for Personal Use

A Stationery and Personal Items List will be given to parents at the start of each year and indicates what is needed each child will need during the year. These are general stationery not course books and therefore can be purchased through any retailer, although we do arrange for parents to order items on the stationery list from Campion books which are delivered to the school.

Stationery List

Display Book A4 20 pocket refillable	1
Document envelope A4 PP with press stud clear	4
Glue stick Artline purple 40gm	8
Highlighters Micador ECO wallet pack 4	1
Micador eco whiteboard markers Pk 4	1
Pencil (HB) junior triangular grip	2
Pencils – coloured Crayola 24s assorted	1
Pencil (HB)	6
Scrapbook Megasaurus Bond 335x245 64 page	8
Scissors 165mm Round Ended Right handed	2
Pencil sharpener 1 hole barrel type	2
Pencil case	1
Crayons Crayola Tuck Box 24's Assorted	1

STUDENT PERSONAL ITEMS

Drink Bottle	1
Sun Hat	1
Boxes Tissues	4 per term
Pkts Wet Ones	4 per term

SECTION 4: VOLUNTARY APPROVED FUNDS

Other voluntary funds at Mount Hawthorn ESC include a P&C Contribution. This is currently set in 2017 at \$70.00 per child. The school has excellent support for numerous improvement projects, which would not be possible without the P&C. They also continue to support the 8 Learning Areas with the provision of resources to assist and enhance the teaching programs within all classes.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The School Board has approved part payment (by the term) if required. We will support parents by offering a range of payment options if this will assist with family budgeting. This can be arranged with the Principal or Manager Corporate Services. Cash or cheque payment only is currently accepted.