



**MILDURA WEST  
PRIMARY**  
INTERNATIONAL  
BACCALAUREATE  
SCHOOL



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## **PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2021**

Dear Parent,

Mildura West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our schools, School Council parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Our School Council has set the 2021 Essential Student Learning fees for all students at \$160.00. This fee has remained the same for many years despite the rising cost of student consumables. The School Council endeavours to keep the cost to families as low as possible, without compromising on the quality of education that we provide.

Our school has already paid for all of the classroom essentials and relies on the collection of this amount from our families so that we can continue to provide our educational programs. All students have been supplied an essential pack of items that is retained by your child.

Last year was a particularly challenging year for everyone. We understand that you may find it difficult to pay your fees, so we would like to extend an invitation to pay all outstanding amounts in small instalments or take advantage of some of the other payment options explained in our Understanding Your School Fees information attached.

For a confidential discussion about accessing any of these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Elaine Brown 50231336 or [elaine.brown@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:elaine.brown@education.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

Anne Robinson  
**Principal**

Rohan Robertson  
On behalf of **School Council**

# Mildura West Primary School Council

## Understanding Your School Fees

### What does legislation say?

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for **free instruction** in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

### What is provided as part of 'free instruction'?

Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities required to provide instruction of the **standard curriculum program**. This includes any reasonable adjustments for the students with disabilities.

### How is free education funded?

All public schools receive funding from the government to teach the standard curriculum. This funding pays for:

- staff to do the teaching and run the school
- the buildings and facilities
- extra support for children with a disability.

This funding does not provide for the books, materials or consumables that the school purchases each year to support the teaching of free education. This is why we charge fees for Essential or Optional items. **Schools can ask parents to reimburse the cost of items taken possession of by students.**

### What does Mildura West Primary School do?

Each year, Mildura West School Council meets to set the fees for your child's education. School Council has set essential Student Learning Items for 2021 at \$160.00.

### Essential Student Learning Items

These are items, activities or services that are essential to student learning of the standard curriculum. These items may include items that the student takes temporary or permanent possession of, or activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend.

### Optional Items

Mildura West 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.

### Voluntary Contributions

Mildura West Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions and your fundraising efforts 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.

### What financial support is available?

Parents who hold a concession card may be eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) or Prep Uniform Support.

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief uniform applications
- Subsidised year 6 windcheaters at half cost price
- Subsidised Year6 Graduation
- Below cost, rent to buy Ipad and cover for years 3-6
- Volunteer operated Breakfast Club three days per week
- Centrepay deduction facility
- Payment Plan arrangements

### Payment Methods

EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque, BPay, Direct Deposit, Centrepay



## FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR PREP

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Prep Pack taken possession of by your child</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workbooks</li><li>• Book Box</li><li>• Library bag</li><li>• Whiteboard</li><li>• Reading Diary</li><li>• Welcome to Prep Photo Pack</li><li>• Art Materials</li></ul>	\$50.00
Stationery Items	\$40.00
Online subscriptions Mathletics/ Other Educational Apps	\$20.00
Unit of Inquiry – Curriculum materials/incursions/excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

  

Optional Item	Amount
Optional Prep Activity Day, excursions, incursions and performances as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
School Magazine	\$15.00
School Photos	To be advised



## FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 1 & 2

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Grade 1/2 Pack taken possession of by your child</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workbooks</li><li>• Scrapbooks</li><li>• Book Box</li><li>• Reading Diary</li><li>• Art Materials</li><li>• Display Book</li></ul>	\$50.00
Stationery Items	\$40.00
Online subscriptions Mathletics/ Other Educational Apps	\$20.00
Unit of Inquiry – Curriculum materials/incursions/excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

  

Optional Item	Amount
Optional Grade 1 Activity Day, Grade 2 Sleepover/Activity Day, excursions, incursions, and performances as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	Year 1 \$22.00 Year 2 \$30.00
School Magazine	\$15.00
School Photos	To be advised



## FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 3 & 4

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Grade 3/4 Pack taken possession of by your child</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workbooks</li><li>• Scrapbooks</li><li>• Ruler/Eraser/Sharpener</li><li>• Art Materials</li><li>• Display Book</li></ul>	\$50.00
Stationery Items	\$40.00
Online subscriptions Mathletics/ Other Educational Apps	\$20.00
Unit of Inquiry – Curriculum materials/incursions/excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

  

Optional Item	Amount
Optional Grade 3 & 4 camps, excursions, incursions, and performances as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
School Magazine	\$15.00
School Photos	To be advised



## FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 5

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Grade 5 Pack taken possession of by your child</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workbooks</li><li>• Scrapbooks</li><li>• Ruler/Eraser/Sharpener</li><li>• Art Materials</li><li>• Display Book</li></ul>	\$50.00
Stationery Items	\$35.00
Online subscriptions Mathletics/ Other Educational Apps	\$20.00
Unit of Inquiry – Curriculum materials/incursions/excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	\$50.00
Interschool Sport equipment, uniform hire and coaching	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

Optional Item	Amount
Optional Grade 5 camp, excursions, incursions, and performances as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
School Magazine	\$15.00
School Photos	To be advised



## FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 6

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Grade 6 Pack taken possession of by your child</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workbooks</li><li>• Scrapbooks</li><li>• Ruler/Eraser/Sharpener</li><li>• Art Materials</li><li>• Display Book</li><li>• Year 6 photo pack</li></ul>	\$50.00
Stationery Items	\$35.00
Online subscriptions Mathletics/ Other Educational Apps	\$20.00
Unit of Inquiry – Curriculum materials/incursions/excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	\$50.00
Interschool Sport equipment, uniform hire and coaching	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

Optional Item	Amount
Optional Grade 6 camp, excursions, incursions, and performances as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
Year 6 Polo Shirt	\$35.00
Year 6 Rugby Top (subsidised, full cost is \$50)	\$25.00
Year 6 Graduation	\$30.00
School Magazine	\$15.00
School Photos	To be advised