Rationale
Mordialloc College is committed to providing the best possible education to all students of the College by offering access to a broad and diverse curriculum.

The major source of funding for the College is through Government provided funds by way of the Student Resource Package (SRP). This funding provides for a standard curriculum at the College. In order to ensure that our students have access to a more broad and diverse educational program that provides a range of opportunities and rich learning experiences, we ask for the financial support of families in the form of Year Level Program Curriculum Resources payment.

Aims
- To ensure that students who attend Mordialloc College receive an education of a commensurate standard and diversity as compared to that being delivered by other schools in the local neighbourhood;
- To allow all students access to a broad and diverse range of subjects to choose from;
- To deliver an educational program that provides a range of opportunities and rich learning experiences for all students;
- To allow subjects offered within the elective component of the school and/or require student consumption or possession of materials to be delivered effectively e.g. Food Technology, Design Technology, Media, Art and Studio Art etc.;
- To allow students to have access to subjects that cater for particular interests or prepare for particular career areas e.g. Food Technology, Design Technology etc.;
- To ensure that the school population is not disadvantaged when high cost subjects are offered.

Implementation
- Parent Supported Curriculum Resources payment and Subject/Elective charges will be determined on an annual basis by the College Council as part of the annual program budget cycle;
- Classroom items that students consume or take possession of will be carefully sourced to ensure the best possible prices are obtained;
- Parent Supported Curriculum Resources payment and Subject/Elective charges will be used during the school year in which they are requested and will be for the direct and immediate benefit of each student;
- Students, who are not eligible for funding through the Student Resource Package, must enrol as full fee paying students and pay the appropriate Government fee to cover their tuition at the College. These students will be exempt from the additional Parent Supported Curriculum Resources payment and Subject/Elective charges;
- Parent Supported Curriculum Resources payment and Subject/Elective charges are divided into the following three categories:
1. **Essential Educational Items**

These items or services are essential to support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program that parents or guardians are requested to pay the school to provide. (e.g. lock, planners, and all electives as outlined in the Year Level handbooks);

These items include:

- items which students take possession of, including text books, eBook Bundles and any online subject licences, student stationery, padlock and planner;
- materials for learning and teaching where your child consumes or takes possession of the finished articles (for example: food technology, studio arts, electives as outlined in curriculum handbooks);
- school uniform;
- travel costs incurred in the course of receiving the instruction from a teacher or other person;
- essential services associated with, but not considered to be part of, 'instruction' in the standard curriculum program, such as costs associated with camps and excursions which all students are expected to attend (for example, transport and entrance costs, lane hire for swimming);

2. **Optional Extras**

These are items/services provided in addition to the ‘standard curriculum program’, and which are offered to all students. These optional extras are to be provided on a user-pays basis and if you choose to access them for your child you will be required to pay for them. These items include:

- Extra-curricular programs or activities offered in addition to the standard curriculum program (for example, instrumental music tuition);
- Selected Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program;
- Advance Program, College Production;
- Year level camps, music camps, excursions, incursions;
- Student personal internet access;
- Student personal photocopying;
- School facilities and equipment not associated with provision of the ‘standard curriculum program’, and not otherwise provided for through the School Resources Package (for example hire/lease of equipment such as musical instruments or purchase of laptops/ipads);
- materials for subjects where the payment sought is the difference between the basic materials or services required for the standard curriculum program and higher cost alternatives which may be more desirable (for example, the use of more expensive materials);
- Entry fees to school run performances, productions and events;
- VCE formal;
- Year 12 Jumper;
- Valedictory Dinner;

3. **Voluntary Contributions**

The College does have a voluntary contributions project for 2016. *This payment is entirely voluntary.* Parents are invited to contribute to the development and maintenance of College Buildings/Facilities.
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Procedures

- Parent/guardians will be provided with sufficient notice to plan for the payment of the Essential Educational Items, Optional Extras and the Voluntary Contribution. They will also be provided with details of how these monies will be spent via a copy of this policy document;
- Parents may pay in a lump sum, by the College suggested payment plan or individual payment plans can be arranged with the Business Manager.
- Initial notice for payment will be mailed to parents/guardians in November of the year prior to the commencement of the year in which the materials and services are to be used;
- All details of payment or non-payment by parents will remain confidential;
- Invoices for unpaid Essential Educational Items and/or Optional Items accepted by parents will not be generated or distributed more than once a month;
- All students will have access to the standard curriculum;
- Students will not be refused instruction or denied access to the standard curriculum program on the basis of payments not being made for educational items, services or voluntary financial contributions;
- Access to enrolment and advancement to the next year level will not be conditional on the payment of any monies.
- Parents and guardians will be provided with an alternative education program for their children if they choose not to participate in an excursion or camp.
- Students withdrawing from camps, excursions, extra-curricular activities will not automatically be entitled to a refund. Where no cost is incurred by the College a full refund will be granted. Partial refund will be payable if withdrawal is unavoidable – full amount paid by the student, less any administration charge of up to $20 and any expenses incurred by the College. No refund will be payable if the withdrawal is avoidable and the college has incurred the full costs of the excursion/camp, extra-curricular activity.

Evaluation

Evaluation of Parent Supported Curriculum Resources payment and Subject/Elective charges will be conducted annually by School Council as part of the program budget cycle.

Mordialloc College endeavours to support families, with suggested payment plans and/or with other appropriate payment arrangements made on an individual basis, by sourcing second hand book and second hand uniform sales and purchase options. Mordialloc College has an onsite Uniform Shop for the purchase of new uniforms.

Mordialloc College is sensitive to the differing financial circumstances of individual students and their families. The Principal, Assistant Principals and/or Business Manager welcome parents/guardians to discuss alternative payment methods should they be experiencing financial difficulties.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 5 November 2015