



# Mansfield Secondary College

19 November 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **2021 PARENT PAYMENT INFORMATION**

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for **free instruction** in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools, funded via the Department of Education & Training Student Resource Package. **The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.** These parent payments are an **essential** contribution to funding Mansfield Secondary College's programs.

Mansfield Secondary College is currently funded from two sources:

- **Department of Education and Training (DET) Student Resource Package (SRP)** to pay for school administration, utilities and services, staff salaries, urgent works, maintenance, cleaning and general school operations.
- **Parent Payments**, an essential component of funding which comes from:
  - Essential Student Learning Items & Activities
  - Optional Learning Items
  - Voluntary Payments
  - Fundraising

On an annual basis, School Council prepares a budget to provide resources for educational programs, administration, facilities development and maintenance. The payments listed on the following page are the minimum amount considered essential to enable School Council to continue providing the high quality standards that we have come to expect at Mansfield Secondary College. Every effort is made to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum, and affordable for all families.

There are 3 options available for 2021 payments:

- Payment in full by **1 April 2021**
- A Payment Plan Agreement where payments can be made in instalments
- Centrepay deductions from your Centrelink allowance

Please find enclosed the following information, which will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the Parent Payment Categories and the payment structures available to you:

- 2021 Summary of Fees, including payment options and payment assistance options
- Department of Education & Training - Understanding Parent Payment Categories.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact either of us via the Front Office on 5775 2022 or via email at [mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au), should you require further clarification.

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