



Dear parent/guardian

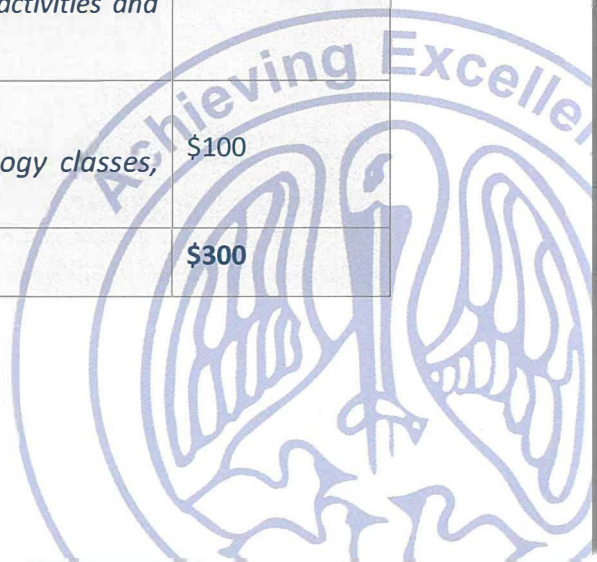
Yarram Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Yarram Secondary College's voluntary contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

Yarram Secondary College and its Finance Committee have worked closely with the Leadership Team and Business Manager to set recommended curriculum contributions that meet the budgetary requirements of the school. This ensures that the provision of classroom resources, student wellbeing and support programs, maintenance of our buildings and grounds, and upgrades of classroom technology is made available for the benefit and enjoyment of your, and all other children.

Curriculum Contributions represent a small portion of the actual cost of resources used in each curriculum area for all year levels.

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Years 7, 8 &amp; 9</b>	
<b>Online Resources</b> <i>This includes subscriptions to Education Perfect, Essential Assessment, Spellzone and other online platforms.</i>	\$ 50
<b>Printing and photocopying of booklets, worksheets and learning materials</b> <i>This includes Numeracy Ninja booklets used as warm up activities in class, Maths homework sheets, English booklets (as no textbook is purchased), TAP activities and other classroom materials.</i>	\$150
<b>Consumable Resources</b> <i>This includes materials used in science experiments, food technology classes, woodwork, metal, textiles and maintenance of sports equipment.</i>	\$100
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$300</b>



<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Years 10, 11 &amp; 12</b>	
<b>Online Resources</b> <i>This includes subscriptions to Education Perfect, Edrolo and other online platforms.</i>	\$150
<b>Printing and photocopying of booklets, worksheets and learning materials</b> <i>This includes resource booklets, homework sheets, English booklets (as no textbook is purchased) and other classroom materials.</i>	\$100
<b>Consumable Resources</b> <i>This includes materials used in science experiments, technology classes and maintenance of sports equipment.</i>	\$ 50
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$300</b>

<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IT Equipment Maintenance & Upgrade	\$50
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50

### **Educational items for students to own**

Attached is a list of items that the college recommends you purchase from third party providers for your child to individually own and use (accessed through Yarram Secondary College Website).

- Book list items – Champion Education
- Laptop – Learning With Technologies

### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Yarram Secondary College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
School magazine – Tarra Mia	\$30
Instrumental Music	\$200
Hire of Musical Equipment	\$200
Optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA

## Financial Support for Families

Yarram Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools' Relief
- Centrepay Deductions
- Individual Payment Plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact the college on 5182 5522.

## Payment methods

- Cash
- Eftpos
- Direct Deposit
- Bpay

## Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

We want to thank you for all your support and greatly appreciate your contribution as this makes a huge difference to our school and the programs that we can offer.

Yours sincerely



*Lyn Kerrison*  
Acting Principal



*Chris Edwards*  
School Council President

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

#### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.