

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

The Senior Program - a senior secondary partnership between Collingwood College and Fitzroy High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. We are excited to be moving the program to **Wurun Senior Campus** - a shared campus for all our senior secondary students from the beginning of 2023.

We would like to advise you of the Senior Program voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our schools and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; the opportunity for students to achieve their preferred individual pathway beyond school; enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet; and the upgrade of our facilities.

Our senior school and VET programs are informed by the latest educational research from across the globe and a futures-thinking ethos. The Wurun Senior Campus provides students with opportunities that promote the acquisition of: deep knowledge; transferable skills; connections with the wider community; development of future pathways; innovative learning; and academic excellence. We draw on the values of each school and act on our vision through the motto for Wurun Senior Campus: *inspire, connect* and *innovate*.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal
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School Council President
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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assessments - trial exams, standardised tests, revision packages, external examinations ● Subject-specific materials and equipment - English, Mathematics, Humanities, Languages, Science, Arts, Performing Arts, Technology, Food Studies, Health, and Physical Education ● Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals, and ICT - devices owned by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance, and server/system costs ● Excursions, incursions, and guest speakers to meet core curriculum study requirements ● Wurun Senior Campus is able to provide a limited amount of materials sourced from government-provided funds and through contributions from parents for the completion of student work in Arts and Technology subjects. Students may choose to purchase and bring to school any additional materials for the enhancement of any of their projects and major pieces of work. 	\$200
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student and parent communication tools - Compass ● Enhanced student support - careers planning, lunchtime clubs, language conversations, tutor programs ● Enhanced wellbeing support - wellbeing programs, school counsellors, mental health practitioners ● Lockers/locker maintenance ● Engaging staff through local payroll - artists in residence, coaches, mentors, additional wellbeing and learning support staff ● School grounds maintenance and improvements ● First aid and hygiene costs ● Use and upkeep of specialised facilities on campus - gym and fitness studios, music facilities, recording studio, maker spaces, lunchtime clubs 	\$80
Total Amount	\$280

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	
Total tax-deductible contributions	

Wurun Senior Campus 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by 10 December 2022.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Amount (Please tick)
Optional items to keep - Hoodie	\$70	
Private instrumental music lessons and instrument hire	\$1,580	
Optional Extra-Curricular Activities – school-based (e.g. camps, excursions, incursions, guest speakers, sport carnivals and events)	TBA	
Optional Extra-Curricular Activities - outside of school hours: Year 12 Formal and Valedictory Dinner	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Tax-deductible contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Instrumental Music Program

Wurun offers comprehensive Instrumental Music lessons that enable students to build skills and techniques on an instrument and to learn new and challenging repertoire. Students also can participate in various ensembles throughout the year that performs at various functions and special events. Please refer to the Instrumental Music Program enrolment form for further information.

Financial Support for Families

Wurun Senior Campus understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (assistance with clothing/stationery)
- Payment plans tailored to individual needs
- Support from well-being team to access assistance from outside services

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

- Claire Gibson 9417 6681 claire.gibson@education.vic.gov.au for students enrolled at Collingwood College
- Ross McDonald 9488 1900 ross.mcdonald@education.vic.gov.au for students enrolled at Fitzroy High School

Booklist

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Champion Booksellers for your child to individually own and use including Edrolo and Math space.

Payment methods

Several payment methods are available including BPay, Compass, in person, or by phone. Payment plans for extra-curricular items and activities can be established with accounts receivable (Kristina) at the school. Further details of payment methods and options are attached.

Option A	BPay- This number is located on the bottom of your family statement. If you cannot locate this number, please contact the office. Please email the school at Collingwood.co@education.vic.gov.au at the same time of payment to let us know what you are paying for.
Option B	Compass- This form of payment is done through the Compass portal
Option C	In person or by phone- Cash, cheque, credit card
Option D	Direct Deposit- Funds may be credited to our school bank account. It is essential that you include your code (same as your compass ID) or Student Name and a brief description of what the payment is for e.g., "BAR0002 Voluntary Contributions," or "WAR0774 Year 5 Camp." Commonwealth Bank Australia (CBA) BSB 063123 Account Number 10052458

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are 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.

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.