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## Year 9 Parent Payment Arrangements 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

Vermont Secondary College is looking forward to a great year of learning and teaching and would like to advise you of Vermont Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

State schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

However, whilst the contributions are voluntary, the ongoing financial support of all our families ensures that Vermont Secondary College can offer the best quality educational programs for all our students. We want to thank you in advance for your support, this will make a huge difference to the programs that we can offer in 2022.

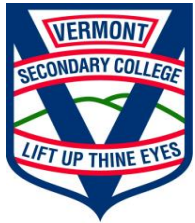
Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to review the recommended voluntary financial contributions detailed herein for an indication of contributions for your children.

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

Yours sincerely,

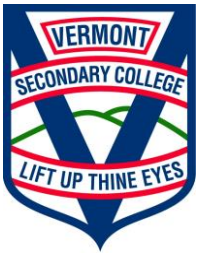
Tony Jacobs  
Principal

Steve Siems  
School Council President



<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
Year 9 Student ID Card	\$ 7.00
Year 9 Student Print Credit	\$ 5.00
Year 9 whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics carnival - entry and transport \$ 10.00</li> <li>• Swimming carnival – entry and transport \$ 10.00</li> </ul>	\$ 20.00
School Sports Victoria Membership	\$ 10.00
<p><b>Vermont Secondary College General Contribution:</b></p> <p>This contribution allows us to purchase additional technology and equipment, faster Wi-Fi and Internet, class sets, our student mentor program, additional student wellbeing programs , First Aid equipment and consumables, student locker provision and maintenance as well as general resources and equipment, all of which improve the learning environment and our student outcomes.</p> <p>Whilst this is a voluntary contribution, we do ask you to contribute, as it does greatly add to the enhancement of services that the school can provide for your child.</p>	\$ 350.00*
<p><b>Vermont Secondary College Elective Subjects:</b></p> <p>Contributions towards the cost of your child’s chosen electives is appreciated.</p>	*
<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<p><b>Building Fund:</b> A <b>tax-deductible</b> contribution will directly support the provision of our exciting new Sports precinct (due to commence early in 2022). The college has received \$6.5 million from the State budget; however, our vision for the precinct will go beyond the entitlement that we have received; the college with your assistance is prepared to make a significant contribution to turn our vision into reality.</p> <p>Such investments for our community are all marvellous additions to our facilities for the benefit of all students and staff. Thank you in advance for your continued support for projects of this kind. Your valued donation means that we will remain able to assist with future facilities and upgrades for our college community.</p>	\$ 150.00*
<p><b>Library Fund:</b> A <b>tax-deductible</b> contribution to support book purchases and other technology equipment to continuously update this valuable resource.</p>	\$ 100.00*
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	\$

**\*Please note contribution amounts on Compass are “suggested” amounts only, we are happy to receive contributions of a lesser or higher amount at any time.**



<b>Educational Items for student to own</b>	
Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.	
Year 9 - Booklist (available on the college website under Curriculum) items are available from Campion books	Payable to Provider
All Year 9 students will be required to have a laptop Please visit the Learning with Technologies - portal on the college website	Payable to Provider

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Vermont 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 to deliver the Standard Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

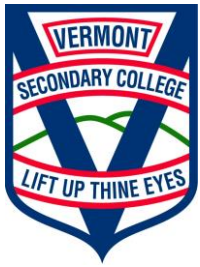
<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	
<b>Optional:</b> ^Year 9 Camp	
<b>Optional:</b> ^Year 9 Interschool Sports program	
<b>Optional:</b> ^Instrumental Music Program	
<b>Optional:</b> ^Year 9 excursions/activities to be scheduled	
<b>Optional:</b> College Yearbook	\$ 15.00

#### **^ Extra Curricular Items and Activities**

*Once costs are confirmed and if applicable to your child the activity will be available for consent and payment on Compass*

#### **Total**

<b>Category</b>	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$



## **Financial Support for Families**

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

- Access to State Schools' Relief Committee support for clothing/uniforms
- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, which provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports, and excursions.

A CSEF application form is available on the College website, once completed please return to the General Office.

- VSCCA Second-hand Uniform Shop
- VSCCA Second-hand Book Sale
- The Student Wellbeing Team

Parents experiencing hardship can contact the Business Manager on 8872 6317 to discuss their situation and how Vermont Secondary College can offer support.

## **Payment methods**

2022 School Contributions are available to pay via Compass and this is Vermont Secondary College's preferred method of payment. You may choose to pay in full or via instalments – if instalments are chosen the amount owing will be paid in four equal payments.

Payments can also be made directly to the college either by cash or credit card – please contact the General Office on 8872 6300 for more information or assistance.

## **Refunds (Extra Curricular Activities, Camps and Excursions)**

Vermont Secondary College will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis considering individual circumstances. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. All requests for a refund should be made in writing, within 14 days of the event taking place.

# 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.