

# 2026 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

## Year 7-10

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Warrnambool College is looking forward to another exciting year of teaching and learning in 2026. We would like to share with you our voluntary financial contribution arrangements for the year ahead.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. However, the generous support of our families plays a vital role in enabling us to deliver the best possible education and opportunities for our students. Parent contributions assist us to meet budget requirements and, importantly, to provide the resources and programs that enrich your child's experience at Warrnambool College.

Your contributions have made a significant difference to what we can offer, allowing us to provide:

- A wide range of academic and extra-curricular programs
- High-quality subject materials and equipment across English, Mathematics, Science, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Languages, Humanities, Technology, and Health & Physical Education
- Enhanced wellbeing and support services for students
- Modern learning environments, including upgrades to classrooms, digital technology, grounds and facilities

At Warrnambool College, we aim to design teaching and learning programs that draw on the best educational practices, while also creating opportunities beyond the standard curriculum and government funding. This commitment is reflected in our outstanding results with our NAPLAN and VCE achievements.

The resources and facilities that our students benefit from today are the result of consistent support from our parent community over many years. These contributions directly improve student achievement, engagement and wellbeing; while ensuring we can continue to offer a differentiated curriculum that meets the needs of all learners.

On behalf of the Warrnambool College School Council and staff, we thank you for your ongoing support. Your commitment makes a real difference to the opportunities available to every student at our school.

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

Yours sincerely,



David Clift  
Principal



Greg Twitt  
School Council President

# 2026 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

## Year 7 - 10

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum. Below are items and activities that are suggested to support your child's education in the delivery of the curriculum.

<b>Curriculum Contributions – Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum:</b>	
Curriculum Learning Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom consumables, materials, equipment and supplies</li> <li>• Library suites, research tools and resources</li> <li>• IT provision and support</li> <li>• IT Printing allowance per student</li> <li>• Student ID card</li> </ul>	<b>Totalling \$350</b>
Elective Charges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Technology Workbook - Yrs 7 – 10</li> <li>• Food Technology Study Design – Yr 10</li> <li>• Art Study &amp; Design – Yr 10</li> <li>• Product Design Industry &amp; Technology – Yr 10</li> </ul>	<b>\$5</b> <b>\$100</b> <b>\$25</b> <b>\$100</b>

<b>Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities - non-curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Warrnambool College as listed below:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locker Provision and security</li> <li>• Student and Parent communication tool – Compass</li> <li>• First Aid provision and Hygiene</li> <li>• Enhanced Counsellor and Wellbeing supports</li> <li>• School grounds maintenance and improvements</li> <li>• School facilities maintenance and improvements</li> </ul>	\$30 \$30 \$50 \$50 \$30 \$30
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$220</b>

Please refer to our 2026 Booklist, which can be found on our college website, for items that the school recommends you purchase from Champion Education and e-subscription websites.

<b>Tax Deductible Contributions - we invite families to contribute to our Building or Library funds:</b>	
Building Fund (tax-deductible): Supports renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure. We have suggested an amount of \$100, however any contribution is welcome.	<b>\$100</b>

Warrnambool College offers a range of items and activities that enhance and broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum, and include optional Academies, excursions, sporting events and camps. **These are provided on a user-pays basis.** Details of these items and activities will be provided via Compass to students and families throughout the year.

<b>User Pay Optional Extra-Curricular Items and Activities:</b>	
Incursions & Excursions (planned throughout the year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr level school excursions – school musical, end of year events</li> <li>• Yr level specific events – careers nights, speakers, modules</li> <li>• Personal Development Programs - Respectful Relationships, Big Life</li> <li>• Positive education programs – Berry Street, Big Life</li> <li>• Whole College events – swimming, athletics</li> </ul>	<b>Totalling \$200</b>
School Magazine – Offshore	<b>\$25</b>
Sporting Pathways Program	<b>\$975</b>
Optional Year 7 Music Lessons	<b>\$270</b>
Optional Year 8-9 Music Lessons	<b>\$320</b>
Optional Instrumental hire charge	<b>\$200</b>
Surf Education (per semester)	<b>\$85</b>
Various Academies	<b>\$95</b>
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	<b>TBA</b>

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund -  
The government has provided the Camps, Sports & Excursions Funding (CSEF) of \$400 per child for any eligible families. Please ensure you apply for this funding through the school by clicking on this link for the form and details. Applications usually close at the end of term 2.  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>
- Payment Plans are available for families to set up in Compass. This allows for a staged payment plan for items other than Extra Curricular items which are required to be paid in advance. We have the option of either fortnightly or monthly payments, please contact Katie in admin for support.
- State Schools Relief - State Schools’ Relief provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist) provided they have received CSEF in the previous year. Parents are to lodge the form with their school. For further support, schools are able to submit an application directly, whenever they believe there is a need to support a student whose family/carers are facing difficulty in providing the appropriate uniform, footwear or educational items for attending school.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, contact our Business Manager, Jenny Waterhouse, on ☎: 03 5564 4444 Email: [Jenny.waterhouse@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jenny.waterhouse@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Payment methods**

Payment can be made via :

- Online via Compass
- Centrepay: You can apply for Centrepay deductions online via the following site or by completing a Centrepay deduction form available from the school office.  
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/centrepay>
- In Person at Admin office via Cash/Cheque/Eftpos

# 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.