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Yarra Hills
SECONDARY COLLEGE

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8th November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Yarra Hills Secondary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Yarra Hills Secondary School's 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider range of subjects. We are constantly upgrading our ICT infrastructure to make sure that we have fast and reliable services across both campuses to support our College wide BYOD program. Our focus on STEAM is an ongoing commitment which will support students in all these areas.

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

Payment options available are:

- Online via COMPASS, our parent portal. This is our preferred option.
- Directly to the office by Credit card, EftPos or cash.

CSEF: Information regarding the Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) applicable to families who hold a valid concession card, is attached.

Textbooks: Please use this link to purchase all required textbooks on online through our supplier, Lilydale Books.

<https://www.lilydalebooks.com.au/BookList/School/Yarra-Hills-Secondary-College>

Digital Devices: A reminder that we have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program at the college and students are expected to bring their own device to use at school each day.

Further information can be found on the College website

<https://www.yarrahills.vic.edu.au/curriculum/elearning-ict> or by contacting our ICT Department at Mooroolbark Campus on 9839 8800 or email ictsupport@yarrahills.vic.edu.au


Yours sincerely

Darren Trippet
College Principal

Sonja Pawsey
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.
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- 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.

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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">Subject consumables, classroom materials and activities for all year levels. A holistic contribution towards the running expenses of all subjects and elective programs for years 7 to year 12 VCE and our VET program. <p>However, this does not include any activities that enhance the program. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.</p>	\$260.00
Student resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">Student planner (\$15.00)Student ID (\$15.00)	\$30.00
Digital technologies - provision of devices, software, and system support	\$10.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none">Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$15.00)Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$15.00)	\$30.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$ 340.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$5.00
Student wellbeing programs	\$20.00
First aid equipment	\$10.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$25.00
Total Other Contributions	\$60.00

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Lilydale Books for your child to individually own and use.

Financial Support for Families

Yarra Hills 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 (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Carolyn O'Rourke Ph: 03 9839 8806 | Email: carolyn.orourke@education.vic.gov.au

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Yarra Hills Secondary College offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

If you would like to purchase via the Compass App, an item or activity for your child, ie; the annual School Magazine please ensure payment is made to the school by 28th February 2023.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities ie: year 7 & year 8 Camps and Drivers Ed activities will be advised throughout the year and posted in the Compass App. Please ensure payment is made to the school by the Consent/Payment due date.

Here are some of the of optional items and activities with the **estimated** cost. These are Opt-In and user pay events. The cost of the extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amounts to be confirmed.
VET Uniform	\$40.00
Farm School	\$300.00
Year 7 Camp – Term 1	\$380.00
Year 8 Camp - Term 3	\$475.00
Year 9 City Experience	\$35.00
Year 10 Drivers Education	\$260.00
VCE – Big Day Out	\$100.00
Year 12 Formal and Year 10 & 11 Socials	\$50.00
Art/Drama/Law/Biology/Psychology/Animal Studies/Foods/Systems Events	\$100.00
Music Camp	\$360.00
Music Tuition Year 7	\$180.00
Music Tuition Years 8	\$200.00
Music Tuition Years 9- 10	\$220.00
Music Tuition Years 11- 12	\$240.00