

Dear parent/guardian,

Wallan Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Wallan Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, 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.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/carers voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2025 allowed us to:

- provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Language and PE
- maintain and develop the school grounds with the installation of astroturf and shade sails
- purchase new books for our library
- ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities
- provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes
- facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions
- deliver a range of sporting equipment
- offer effective first aid for all students.

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

Yours sincerely,

Michael Ritchie
Principal



Luke Kelly
School Council President

YEAR 7 and 8	Amount
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
Subject consumables, classroom materials and activities	
<i>Science – laboratory equipment and materials</i>	
<i>Art – paint, canvas, glitter</i>	
<i>Health and Physical Education – equipment</i>	
<i>Technology – ingredients, equipment upkeep</i>	
	\$80
Student resources	
• Printing fee's	
• Student card	
• Internet supply	
	\$20
Digital technologies - provision of devices, software, and system support	\$20
Subscription to computer programs	\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$130

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid equipment - tissues, sanitary items, band aids	\$5
Student support programs and clubs	\$15
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2026. The cost of these camps and excursions will be advised throughout the year.	TO BE ADVISED
Total Other Contributions	\$20

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$130
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$20
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TO BE ADVISED
Total	\$150

Payment methods

- Direct payment to school bank account (BSB: 063 093 Account No.: 10000642). Please identify payment with student name.
- B-Pay (biller code and reference number available from the office)
- Payment direct to office using cash / credit card.

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

Wallan 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. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Financial Support for Families

Wallan 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:

Sharni Knight

Ph: 03 5783 0300 | Email: wallan.sc@education.vic.gov.au

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.