

Dear parent/guardian

Seymour College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Seymour College's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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, making a voluntary contribution 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 organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us to purchase Library Books, IT equipment, classroom furniture, playground equipment, shade sails and much more.

Secondary Students will require some educational items to individually own and use. We recommend these items are purchased from Campion Books or Sustainable School Shop. Please see the Year 7 to 12 Booklists for a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child or visit <u>https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/booklist/seymour-p-12-college</u> to purchase second hand books.

Seymour 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. These Extra -Curricular items and activities are provided on a user-pays basis. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year. We understand 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 Linda Williams, Business Manager, on 57711300.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached. Alternatively, our school website <u>www.seymour.co.vic.edu.au</u> has the link to the Parent Payment Policy for your reference.

Yours sincerely

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