

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 2025.

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 Champion 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 <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/booklist/seymour-p-12-college> 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 or School Savings Bonus Funding
- 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 [www.seymourcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.seymourcollege.vic.edu.au) has the link to the Parent Payment Policy for your reference.

Yours sincerely



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Principal



Jason Tarran  
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 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.