



Wycheproof P-12 College

Year 7/8, 2023

Parent Payment Arrangements

18th November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wycheproof P-12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Wycheproof P-12 College'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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Wycheproof P-12 College works in close partnership with parents and the broader school community to provide the best education opportunities and outcomes for students both inside and outside the classroom. Through this partnership, parents understand that the contribution they make to their children's education, in all its various forms, has an important role in enriching our school's learning and teaching program and improving educational outcomes. The commitment from parents to contribute, benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. This is why parent contribution is highly valued by the Wycheproof P-12 College school community.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wide variety of subjects and special curriculum experiences; swimming program; sporting events; music program; enhanced digital learning opportunities; provision of art, technology and home economics materials; upkeep of our library facilities; sporting equipment and facilities; buildings, grounds and play equipment maintenance.

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

Yours sincerely,

Christine McKersie
PRINCIPAL

Brett Thompson
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



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Student Name:

Curriculum Contributions & Other Contributions

Curriculum Contributions - Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.

Other Contributions - Non-curriculum Items and activities that students use, or participate in

THESE ITEMS ARE VOLUNTARY

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
<i>Year 7/8 classroom consumables, materials, equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared class materials, art supplies, technology materials, home economics ingredients, , transport for sports days, camps & excursions, cultural activities, reports, music, diary, ICT access & upkeep, library & classroom books, photocopying & printing for student learning resources• Year 7/8 Netbook	\$161.00 \$85.00
<i>Year 7/8 Online Subscriptions</i>	\$89.00
Other Contributions	Amount
Newsletter	\$20.00
Total Amount	\$355.00

Educational items for students to own

A list of recommended stationery items for students in Years 7/8 to purchase will be sent home at the end of Term 4.

The school recommends you purchase a set of headphones for your child to individually own and use.



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New payment procedures

- The Department of Education and Training has sought to clarify the Parent Payments Policy for 2023 to remove any ambiguity relating to parents' financial contributions to schools.
- Changes to how schools request contributions have been made accordingly.

Parent Payment Categories

- o **Curriculum Contributions** (previously known as Essential Student Learning Items) support items and activities that help deliver fundamental curriculum or subject learning e.g. General classroom materials and equipment. Curriculum Contributions are *Voluntary*.
 - o **Other Contributions** (previously known as Voluntary Contributions) support the school's operation and function more generally e.g. Parent communication tools and school building enhancements. Other Contributions are *Voluntary*.
 - o Payments for **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** (previously known as Optional Items) provide for items and activities over and above what is needed to deliver fundamental curriculum learning. These *user-pays* contributions enhance the schooling experience for students e.g. Optional camps, excursions and events
- Internal invoicing and receipt practices have also changed in relation to the way contributions are processed. **Schools will no longer send out invoices and statements for Curriculum and Other Contributions.**
 - Parents simply view contribution requests at the beginning of the year, then make their contributions using the payment methods provided.
 - **Parents may receive Invoices and statements for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.** These are often confirmed throughout the year for camps, excursions, special events and other activities or items.



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wycheproof P-12 College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Families will be notified of these activities and the exact costs associated in advance.

The table below is used as a guide only.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Year 7/8 Camp.	\$350.00 approx.
Optional Year 7/8 Music Equipment Hire	TBA
School Magazine: Each <u>family</u> will be issued with <u>ONE</u> school magazine, <u>FREE</u> of charge with compliments from School Council. Extra magazines may be purchased for \$25.00 each.	\$25.00
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Families will be issued with an invoice for items listed in this table if it is relevant to your child.

Do not send payments for Extra Curricular Items and Activities UNLESS you receive an invoice.



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Financial Support for Families

Wycheproof P-12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Second hand uniform
- State Schools Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements for *extra-curricular items and activities* contact: Cathy Grant

Ph: 03 5493 7409 | Email: catherine.grant@education.vic.gov.au

Payments can be made to the school from January 2023

PLEASE NOTE: OUR BANK DETAILS HAVE CHANGED

Payment Methods

Cash | BPay | Direct Deposit BSB: 063 000 Account: 14157003

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