



WEDDERBURN
COLLEGE

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Parent Payments Policy
2023 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wedderburn College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2023.

This letter provides important information about our Parent Payments to the school.

In Victoria, State schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum. Wedderburn College is funded by the government to provide these programs.

Wedderburn College aims to offer the best possible education and support for our students. We organise and coordinate innovative programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure.

Our ability to offer resources, activities, and experiences over and above those funded by the government is made possible by voluntary contributions made by our families.

Our ever-expanding lunchtime activities, special themed days, rewards lunches, the College Café, our library, our mathematics space and SWPBS rewards are just an example of the way in which the voluntary fees are used to make the experiences at Wedderburn College very rewarding and engaging for all students. These financial contributions also assist us with the purchasing of art, music, science and physical education equipment and resources. This supports these subjects to be exemplary programs, together with our exceptional classroom teaching of the established subjects of reading, writing and mathematics.

Please find attached Wedderburn College's voluntary contributions schedule for 2023. It includes an overview of what your contributions will help us provide. Please note, Wedderburn College has provided or offered basic individual stationery packs for all students.

Extra-curricular activities and items, including camps and the school magazine, will continue to be provided on a user-pays basis. The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund provides assistance to eligible families.

Department of Education and Training guidelines now prevent schools from providing parents/guardians with a statement of fees or reminder notices. However, please feel free to contact Marie Marsh at the College for payment information.

Further information on the Department of Education and Training Parent Payment Policy is attached.

Thank you for your support in making Wedderburn College the fantastic school that it is.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Daniel Forrest
Principal

Mrs Carolyn Stephenson
School Council President

Voluntary Curriculum Contributions

- items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Victorian Curriculum

Educational items for students to own (purchased by the college)

Students from Foundation – Year 6 will have stationary purchased for them by the classroom teacher. These resources will be kept at school and distributed by the homeroom teacher.

Students in Year 7 will be provided with a basic individual stationary pack and distributed at the start of the year.

Students in Year 8 – 10 were provided with a basic individual stationary pack at the beginning of 2022. (This included pencil case, scissors, rulers and coloured pencils). It is expected for Year 8-10 students to return with these packs. We will be providing Year 8-10 students with other essential items required throughout the year, text/exercise books, display folders etc.

Students in Year 11 and Year 12 have the option to request a basic stationary pack or purchase their own supplies.

Senior textbooks can be borrowed from class sets or students can choose to purchase secondhand or new books if they want to highlight or write notes in their own personalised copy.

Per Student	Amount
Student ID Card	\$5
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none">Art - paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay. Wood. Beading etcScience - chemicalsMathematics - numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kitsEnglish - book boxes, class sets, novels, readersPhysical Education & Sport - ribbons, materials, equipment. Cross Country/Athletics/Swimming Sports.Library-books, subscriptionsConnection Groups - shared classroom materialsBasic Stationery including workbooks, pens, pencils etc...	\$75
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mathletics or Maths Pathways and other online resources	\$20
ICT Devices - provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none">Athletics carnival - entry and transport -NCD & SSVSwimming carnival - entrySummer/Winter Sports	\$10
Other Voluntary Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	Free
School grounds maintenance and improvements (No Working Bees)	\$10
Parents Association. A Committee volunteering to support fundraising activities such as Deb Ball/Secondhand Uniform shop	\$10
Total Amount	\$140

Optional Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Paid By Families	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		
Wedderburn 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. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school at the front office.		
School magazine/yearbook Jumbunna per copy	FREE	
NTTC Materials - (Trade Training Centre)	FREE	
Food Tech/ Wood Tech/ Music Tuition	FREE	
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Program	\$550	
Optional School Camps/Activities		
Foundation/Grade 1 Late Stay	FREE	
Year 2 Sleepover	FREE	
Year 3/ 4 Malmsbury DOXA Camp	TBA	
Year 5/6 Queenscliff Camp	TBA	
Year 7/8 Halls Gap Camp	TBA	
Year 10 Drivers Education (Approx cost)	\$200	
VCE Camp (Years 11 & 12)	\$350	
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA	

Financial Support for Families

Wedderburn College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Centrepay
- State Schools Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Marie Marsh Ph: 03 5494 3011 or email Marie.Marsh@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$120
Other Contributions	\$ 20
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Please see list

Payment methods

- Cash
- EFTPOS
- Direct deposit to the school's bank account: Bendigo Bank: **633-000 / 141677658**

Refunds

Wedderburn College refund arrangements

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

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.

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.