

LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Lilydale High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Lilydale High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum however, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can provide.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer:

- a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences
- enhanced digital learning opportunities
- faster Wi Fi and internet
- upgrade and upkeep of Steamworks, Zoology and the Performing Arts Centre
- health and wellbeing programs for all students

Please find attached Lilydale High School's financial contributions schedule for 2025, which includes an overview of what your contributions will go towards. Whilst contributions are voluntary, your assistance and support would be greatly valued and enable programs to continue. Some subjects incur a course fee, eg Excellence in Sport, Food Technology, Technology, Outdoor Education and Duke of Edinburgh Program. (Please refer to Course Handbooks).

It would be appreciated if payment could be forwarded to the school on or by February 28, 2025.

Payment by instalment can be arranged, please refer to payment sheet attached.

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

Yours sincerely,



WENDY POWSON
Principal



CARLA HAYDON
School Council President

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CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.

Student ID Card

Classroom consumables, materials & equipment

Class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills

Connection to Internet (extra connection)

Printing and photocopying of worksheet and learning materials

\$200.00

Elevate Education seminars

(equivalent to \$50 per term)

Compass subscription

ICT maintenance and software upgrades

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS – for non-curriculum items and activities.

General Contribution – Lilydale High School continues to welcome your contributions to support our school. You can make a general contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2023 as well as providing additional activities and service for all students.

The following are some examples: Enhancement and Maintenance of Lockers, Steamworks, Library, Zoology Centre/Reptiles, Cardio and Resistance Training rooms, Dance Studio and Performing Arts Theatre space, Health and Well-being support and Affiliation costs, eg Yarra Sports Victoria.

\$260.00

(equivalent to \$65 per term)

First Aid Contribution - A contribution to assist in the operation of the school's first-aid bay and program which is staffed by a fully qualified first aid attendant so that immediate attention to illness or injury is available to students at all times. A suggested contribution of \$30.00 per family would enable the school to continue this service.

\$30.00

Building Development Fund – The School Council will incur many additional costs during the rebuilding of the school, *including air conditioning*. Department of Education and Training funding provides facilities according to a centrally specified schedule. Any additions, modification or improvements must be funded by the school. The current building program includes Stage 2 and 3 of the Masterplan Building Program. Stage 2 includes a refurbishment of the Junior School and Stage 3 a refurbishment of the Senior School including a new Resource Centre/Library.

\$50.00

Any contribution you may be able to make will be gratefully received and would represent support for both current and future generations of Lilydale High School students.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Lilydale High School 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.

Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

If you would like to purchase the item listed below for your child please indicate on the payment sheet.

School Magazine/Yearbook

\$25.00

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

- Lilydale High School understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options including:
- Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF) for eligible families. To be eligible for the fund a parent or guardian of students attending a registered Government or non-Government school must be a holder of Veteran Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder or be a temporary foster parent.
- State Schools Relief – clothing/uniforms via Student Services.
- If parents/guardians are experiencing financial hardship please contact Student Services at the school on 9735 5644 for assistance.

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 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.

