

November 2021

Parent Payments Policy  
2022 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wedderburn College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2022.

This letter provides important information about our new 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 new College Café under construction, the new library upgrade, the new 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 2022. It includes an overview of what your contributions will help us provide. Please note, Wedderburn College will be providing or offering basic individual stationery packs for all students. No payment to Wattle Office for booklists will be required for 2022.

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 stationery purchased for them by the classroom teacher. Students from Year 7 - Year 10 will be provided with a basic individual stationery pack. Students in Year 11 and Year 12 have the option to request a basic stationery pack or purchase their own supplies. Senior textbooks can be borrowed from class sets or purchased second hand or new if students want to be highlighted or write notes in their personalized copy. For Senior students we will forward a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Wattle Office for your child to individually own and use.

Per Student	Amount
Student ID Card	\$5
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art - paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay. Wood. Beading etc</li><li>• Science - chemicals</li><li>• Mathematics - numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits</li><li>• English - book boxes, class sets, novels, readers</li><li>• Physical Education &amp; Sport - ribbons, materials, equipment. Cross Country/Athletics/Swimming Sports.</li><li>• Library-books, subscriptions</li><li>• Connection Groups - shared classroom materials</li><li>• Basic Stationery including workbooks, pens, pencils etc...</li></ul>	\$75
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathletics or Maths Pathways and other online resources</li></ul>	\$20
ICT Devices - provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Athletics carnival - entry and transport -NCD &amp; SSV</li><li>• Swimming carnival - entry</li><li>• Summer/Winter Sports</li></ul>	\$10
Other Voluntary Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
Student wellbeing programs	Free
School grounds maintenance and improvements (No Working Bees)	\$10
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$10
<b>Parents Association.</b> A Committee volunteering to support fundraising activities such as Deb Ball/Secondhand Uniform shop	\$10
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$150</b>

Optional Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Paid By Families	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>		
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 by 17 December 2021		
School magazine/yearbook Jumbunna per copy	\$15	
NTTC Materials - (Trade Training Centre)	FREE	
Food Tech/ Wood Tech/ Music Tuition	FREE	
Optional Primary School Camps/Activities (Approximate cost) Year 7/8 DOXA Malmsbury/Melbourne (ie around \$200) Year 9 Bogong Snow Camp (ie around \$350) Year 10 Drivers Education (ie around \$200) Year 11 Camp (ie around \$250) Year 12 Orientation Camp (ie around \$300)	TBA	
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

### 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	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

### Payment methods

- Cash
- EFTPOS
- Direct deposit to the school's bank account: Bendigo Bank: 633-000 / 14167749
- BPay-A new facility for Wedderburn College to be set up for 2022

### 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.

