

20 October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Eaglehawk Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Eaglehawk Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

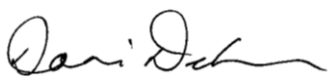
Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide students with a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences, digital learning opportunities through our one-to-one netbook program and access to online learning programs and software that enhance student learning across the curriculum.

Families will be able to keep track of contributions made to the College by requesting a copy of their family statement. Contributions will be itemised to reflect families' preferences. Please contact the Finance Office if you have any questions regarding this.

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

Yours sincerely,



Danielle Derksen
College Principal



Paul Epworth
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<u>Year 7 Online Subscriptions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics \$20 • Education Perfect (covers English, Humanities, Science & Languages) \$60 • sQuizya (Maths Mate interactive) \$6 	\$86
<u>Year 7 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</u> <i>Technology classes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Tech –Ingredients for practical classes \$35 • Fabrics – materials supplied in class \$12 • Creative Metals- materials for models to take home \$7 • Woodwork – materials for models to take home \$ 17 	\$ 71
<u>Year 7 ICT Device</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Device and technical support \$155 Or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care Card holders – technical support only \$50 	\$
Photocopying and printing contribution	\$10
Curriculum activities eg. Whole School Carnivals – swimming, athletics	\$10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria membership	\$5
Landscape enhancement – contribution towards garden maintenance	\$10
Compass – Communication tool support	\$20
Locker maintenance	\$10
First Aid contribution	\$10
Library maintenance and enhancement	\$10
Enhanced student support eg. Tutoring, Homework Club	\$10
Enhanced wellbeing support	\$10
Tax deductible contributions	

College Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$100
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Please refer to Booklist supplied by Education Plus for a list of suggested stationery available for purchase listed by Learning area

- Will be supplied separately

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Eaglehawk Secondary 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase
School magazine	\$16	
Year 7 school camp \$315 (\$225 CSEF can be applied for eligible families)	\$	
Instrumental Music Program	\$180	
Instrument Hire	\$100	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment plans can be arranged 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:

Sharon Sharp- Finance Officer

Ph: (03) 5446 8099 | Email: sharon.sharp@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods

- Cash/ Card at College Finance Office
- Over the phone during business hours
- Direct deposit – Eaglehawk Secondary College Official Account
 - BSB: 063679 Account Number 10012124 Student name as reference
- Directly to Education Plus – online with booklist or at book collection

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.