

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



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SCHOOL PROCESSES

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PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS YEAR 7, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Yarrabing Secondary College is looking forward to our second year of the school and the embedment of the teaching and learning practices with our year 7 cohort of students. We would like to advise you of Yarrabing Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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We want to thank you for all your financial support which ensures that the provision of student wellbeing and support programs, major and minor upgrades to facilities and classroom technology is made available for the benefit and enjoyment of your, and all other, children.

Underlying the success and quality of the wide-ranging academic and co-curricular programs available to meet the diverse needs of our students, is the voluntary financial support from families. Such support ensures we have the materials and facilities to run programs successfully over and above funding sourced by the Department of Education Victoria.

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

Yours sincerely,

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John Mitsinikos
Principal

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Curriculum Contributions	Amount
<i>Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</i>	
Classroom Consumables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Materials for practical classes such as food and wood technology, language, art & music ● Printing and photocopying of handouts and learning materials ● Materials & equipment used in classes such as science, physical education ● Materials for models and dioramas 	\$190
Online Digital Applications for Learning & Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compass 	\$10
ICT school devices & peripherals maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Device & network configuration and support ● Maintenance ● Server/system costs 	\$10
Whole school events and activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletics programs ● Lunchtime activities ● Guest speakers ● Celebration and recognition events ● End of year activity programs 	\$130
Student Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student ID Card ● Student Planners & Journals ● Locker locks 	\$60
Total	\$400

Educational Items for Students to Own

Please refer to the booklist items Yarrabing Secondary College recommends you purchase from Champion Education for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – <i>provided on a user-pays basis</i>	Amount
<i>Yarrabing Secondary College offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.</i>	
College Magazine / Yearbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Produced annually highlighting the years events, a memento for students secondary schooling 	\$30
Interschool Sport Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Students can participate in optional interschool sport teams throughout the year, students will be provided details on dates and how to sign up as events are announced. Cost is indicative per event and ranges dependent on location.</i> 	\$20
Excursions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Optional Camps, Excursions and Incursions run throughout the school year and students can attend on a user pay basis. Cost varies per event and will be indicated to families on the permission form.</i> 	\$TBC

Financial Support for Families

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

Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Parents and guardians, who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, may be eligible for CSEF. This allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child/ren. Please contact the College General Office to apply. The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, music lessons or other optional items.

State Schools Relief (SSR)

State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms and footwear.

Consideration of Hardship

The College appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting requests for payments and contributions. A range of support options are available to assist eligible parents. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the College via email yarrabing.sc@education.vic.gov.au

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Payment Methods

When making payment to the College, the following payment options will be available;

- EFTPOS at the General Office.
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- Compass Pay Online, through the Parent Portal

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



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