



## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent

South Oakleigh College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of South Oakleigh College's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for Year 9 attached. Please complete this form and return to the school so the school can prepare accordingly.

South Oakleigh College makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

South Oakleigh College School Council will annually review parent payments requested to ensure they are in line with Department of Education & Training guidelines. Charges will be clearly itemized, costed and categorized as Essential Student Learning, Optional Items or Voluntary Financial Contributions.

### Financial Support for Families

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

- Second hand uniform if available.
- Sustainable bookshop available for the recycling and trading of school items such as textbooks.
- Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding (CSEF) available to eligible parents.
- State Schools Relief support available (via the College Wellbeing Team)
- Local community supports (Wellbeing team can provide further information)

Information regarding support options is available from the general office and will be advertised periodically in the College Newsletter and on the website.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the general office.

Ph. 03 9579 2322 | Email: [south.oakleigh.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:south.oakleigh.sc@education.vic.gov.au)



## Payment Methods

Parents will be provided with early notification of annual payment requests. Reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year (i.e. excursions).

Parents will be permitted to make payments in instalments, and be provided with several methods of making payment including:

- Cash
- Cheque
- BPay
- EFTPOS
- Compass

## Refunds

Please refer to South Oakleigh College Refund Policy located on our website.

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

Yours sincerely,

Helen Koziaris

Principal

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School Council President



## FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 9

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. South Oakleigh College also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Please complete this form and return to the school so the school can prepare accordingly.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Purpose	Amount
Student support program	Sports carnivals, cross country and incursions related to the non-core subjects but essential Health and Wellbeing and General Capabilities curriculum: Drugs and Alcohol Education Speaker Cultural Sensitivity Speaker and workshops Mentor group workshops Wellfest Week Activities	\$70.00
Mathspace	Online Mathematics Program	\$26.00
Essential Assessment	Online Literacy Program	\$5.00
Middle School Planner	Planning and organising student work and timelines. The planner also includes vital College information specific to students.	\$12.00
Student ID Card	Used to sign in and out of the College and student identification for public transport concession.	\$8.00
Education Perfect (Students learning Greek language only)	Online Language Program.	\$30.00
Duke of Edinburgh	The Award is a program involving community service and adventure-based activities of a practical and physical nature.	\$350.00
Materials and Technology Textiles	Fabrics, hand sewing polyester threads, polyester wadding, buttons, ribbons, zippers, Velcro, PVA glue.	\$55.00
Applied Arts	Acrylic paint, watercolour paint, cartridge paper, cardboard, markers, crayons, oil pastels, ink, gesso, canvas board or MDF, varnish, masking tape.	\$55.00



Food Technology	Ingredients for practical classes Flour, oil,sugar,eggs,meat,poultry,dairy,fruit and vegetables.	\$120.00
College Blazer (New students to the College in 2021 only)	Student Blazer	\$160.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$

### Optional Items

South Oakleigh College offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
Combination Lock	\$14.50
SOC Bucket Hat	\$12.00
SOC Scarf	\$15.00
Lenovo ThinkPad L13 Yoga	\$1288.00
Instrumental Music (Small groups, offered for students at beginner to Grade 4 level)	\$450.00
Instrumental Music (Private Lessons Year 7-10, offered for students at Grade 5-6 level)	\$600.00
Instrumental Music Camp (Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> –Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 )	Cost to be advised , and can be paid via compass event module in 2021
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$



### Voluntary Contributions

South Oakleigh College continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
Building Fund School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund	Yes	\$100.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

### Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount_____
Optional Items	Amount_____
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount_____
	<b>TOTAL_____</b>



## PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

### ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



#### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



#### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

##### Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

##### Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

##### Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



#### 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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.