

Dear parent/guardian,

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 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, your support in 2021 has allowed us to:

- a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences
- enhanced digital learning opportunities
- the upgrade of our buildings and grounds
- improved WIFI and internet

The Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule attached for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,



Helen Koziaris
Principal



Mitzi Sneesby
School Council President

YEAR 11 FEE SCHEDULE

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		
Item	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
Senior School Planner	Planning and organising student work and timelines. The planner also includes vital College information specific to students.	\$13.00
Student ID Card	Used to sign in and out of the College and student identification for public transport concession.	\$8.00
Food Technology Units 1-4	Ingredients for practical classes Flour,oil,sugar,eggs,meat,poultry,fruit and vegetables.	\$200.00
Studio Arts Units 1-4	Pencils, cardboard, cartridge paper, markers, crayons,oil pastels, ink, clay, glazes, varnish, masking tape,canvas board or MDF, gesso, stretch canvas, acrylic paint, watercolour paint, acetate, etching ink, tarlatan, lino, relief printing ink, PVA glue, Hot glue.	\$170.00
Systems Engineering Units 1-2	Cardboard , Plywood , Glue Stick, Motor , Battery, Connecting Wires, Zip Tie, Solder, Arduino Starter Kit	\$200.00
VCE Music	Private Lessons, offered for VCE music students and/or Grade 7 level and beyond.	\$700.00
Visual Communication Units 1-2	Pencils, Coptic markers, regular markers, permanent markers, bleed proof paper, cartridge paper, acetate sheets, glue sticks.	\$80.00
Visual Communication Units 3-4	Paper, card, wood, glass, metal, clay, stone, plastic, textiles, digital screen-based technologies, pencils, coptic markers, regular markers, permanent markers, bleed proof paper, cartridge paper, acetate sheets, glue sticks.	\$120.00
Total Amount		\$

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Combination Lock	\$14.50
SOC Bucket Hat	\$12.00
SOC Scarf	\$15.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

The College recommends purchasing the Lenovo ThinkPad L13 Yoga from Learning With Technologies for your child to individually own and use. The link provided will take you directly to the ordering platform: <https://southoakleighcollege.orderportal.com.au/>

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

South Oakleigh 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 (Please tick)
Instrumental Music - 30 minute shared lessons (2-3 students)	\$450.00	
Instrumental Music - 30 minute individual lessons. Recommended for advanced students (at least Grade 4 AMEB or equivalent)	\$600.00	
Instrumental Music - 45 minute individual lessons. Recommended for advanced students (Grade 6 AMEB or equivalent and beyond) and mandatory for VCE Music students	\$700.00	
Instrumental Music Camp (Date to be advised)	Cost to be advised	
Sports Development Program Basketball, Football, Martial Arts, Netball, Soccer	\$200.00	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

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.

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

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
- EFTPOS
- Compass

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.