



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 2024.

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 has allowed us to:

- Offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels.
- Enhanced digital learning opportunities.
- Provide resources for a wide range of student clubs which meet at lunchtime.
- Upgrade our buildings and grounds including upgrade gym change rooms and toilets, locker bay project, synthetic grass, DLC agora/meeting space.
- Improve 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 8 FEE SCHEDULE**

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Student Support Program	Athletics carnival, Swimming carnival and incursions related to the non-core subjects but essential Health and Wellbeing and General Capabilities curriculum: Guest Speakers Study Skills workshops Well fest Week Activities	\$80.00
Student ID Card	Used to sign in and out of the College and student identification for public transport concession.	\$10.00
Art	Classroom consumables including; Acrylic paint, watercolour paint, cartridge paper, and markers	\$60.00
Food Technology	Ingredients for practical classes including; Flour,oil,sugar,eggs,meat,poultry,dairy,fruit and vegetables.	\$130.00
Printing and photocopying	Worksheets and learning materials	\$20.00
Total Amount		\$
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>		<b>Amount</b>
School Sports Victoria affiliation Student wellbeing programs First aid equipment Compass School ground maintenance and improvements		\$50.00
<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>		
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.		Suggested amount \$100.00
<b>Total Amount</b>		<b>\$</b>

### 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)
Year 8 Camp (Date to be advised)	Cost to be advised	
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	
Combination Lock	\$16.00	
SOC Bucket Hat	\$12.00	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

### 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)

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

### 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.