

Mount Waverley Secondary College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Mount Waverley Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 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, making payments or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/carers contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your contributions and support in 2023 allowed us to organise and coordinate rich, extensive programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning programs, together with:

- specific subject materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Technology, Language and PE
- delivering an extensive Student Wellbeing program
- being able to deliver a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences ensuring the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities and maintain a commercial grade high speed internet across the school to improve the delivery of online learning programs supporting the curriculum, server, and ICT system costs
- the college council contribution, which allows for employment of the school's maintenance team, nursing team and additional equipment, vital materials, and essential resources for First Aid
- continuing to develop and enhance our grounds and indoor and outdoor learning spaces.

The financial contributions we have received this year is significantly lower than in previous years. This is likely to have an impact longer term to the college's financial viability in turn impacting what resources we can offer our students.

Therefore, we encourage our wonderful college community to continue to provide positive financial support for the college through parent contributions and fundraising efforts.

Mount Waverley Secondary College is a proud diverse learning community, where everyone is empowered to strive for growth and excellence. We strive to achieve our vision through the establishment of an ordered and nurturing environment that;

- sets high expectations
- develops confident learners with the skills, knowledge and attributes to reach their intellectual, social and personal potential
- promotes participation and engagement in learning within a supportive and caring environment
- establishes strong community relationships in a climate of mutual trust and respect
- fosters a culture where enthusiastic and highly skilled staff feel supported, motivated and committed to providing the best educational outcomes for all our students

- delivers a broad range of curricular and co-curricular programs that rigorously prepare students for all post school pathways using agreed high quality practice teaching and learning strategies

Positive student, parent/carer and staff relationships are highly valued. The college emphasises the importance of 'Community, Choice and Engagement'. We value your support in partnering with us to provide your student with the best possible education and opportunities.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs Karen Wade
College Principal



Ms Chelsea Eow
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year 8 Student ID Card</i>	\$10
<i>Year 8 Student Handbook</i>	\$5
<i>Year 8 Planner</i>	\$25
<i>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$40)</i> • <i>Food Tech –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta (\$100)</i> • <i>Science – chemicals (\$30)</i> • <i>Drama – costumes, masks, scripts (\$30)</i> • <i>Technology (\$60)</i> • <i>Stationery, paper, posters, charts (\$20)</i> 	\$280.00
<i>Year 8 Contribution to commercial grade high speed internet across the school to improve the delivery of online learning programs supporting the curriculum, server and ICT system costs</i>	\$120
<i>Year 8 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$80
Total Amount	\$520
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership (\$2) & District Affiliation membership (\$10)</i>	\$12
<i>Compass School Manager student and parent communication tool (SMS, attendance, reporting, chronicle, sick bay)</i>	\$50
<i>Student wellbeing program</i> (The year 8 student wellbeing program focuses on building resilience, addressing negative labels and promoting positive self-talk, the positive impact of mindfulness, practicing gratitude and having empathy for others. The program is supported and delivered by several guest speakers such as Elephant Education, Toolbox, Brainstorm Productions and youth motivational speaker Eric Agyeman, as well as the Junior Campus student wellbeing team.)	\$50
<i>Library online resources (including Herald Sun/Age subscriptions, NewsScan, Newsbank, Britannica, World Book, EBSCO, eBooks)</i>	\$15
<i>Lockers/Locker Maintenance</i>	\$15
<i>College Council Contribution (This contribution allows for employment of the college's maintenance team, nursing team and additional equipment, materials and resources for First Aid, lunchtime clubs, and other areas of the college to enhance the learning environment .)</i>	\$150
<i>College grounds maintenance and improvements (includes upgrades to tennis courts, ovals, gardens and outdoor seating areas)</i>	\$150
Tax deductible contributions	
<i>Building fund.</i> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of college infrastructure.	\$150
Total Amount	\$592

Educational items for students to own

The school recommends you purchase items from **Campion Education** for your child to individually own and use. A booklist will be provided for online ordering through the Campion Portal.

Our preferred supplier for the BYOD portal program is **Learning with Technologies**. Information will be provided for online ordering through the Learning with Technologies portal, also found on the College website <https://mwsc7-9.orderportal.com.au/>

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mount Waverley 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

These items and activities will be added throughout 2024 as Events on Compass. You can opt in as they are published throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Optional Year 8 school events Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$15) Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$15)</i>	\$30
<i>Optional School magazine/ yearbook</i>	\$25
<i>Optional Year 8 school camp to Kinglake</i>	Estimate \$392
<i>Optional Year 8 school camp to Rubicon Valley</i>	Estimate \$300
<i>Optional Year 8 Challenge Program</i>	Estimate \$95
<i>Optional Year 8 Interschool Sports program</i>	\$15
<i>Optional Year 8 Instrumental Music Program. There is an appropriate annual tuition charge for individual and group lessons ranging from \$580 to \$1507.</i>	from \$580
<i>Other optional Year 8 events and excursions to be scheduled throughout 2024</i>	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief
- MWSC book borrow program
- flexible payment plans 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:

Ms Aisha Paternott
Student Wellbeing Coordinator
Ph: 03 9887 9280 | Email: pai@mwsc.vic.edu.au

Payment methods

Curriculum and Other Contributions

Preferred method of payment is via Compass online.

Login to Compass website <https://mwsc.vic.jdlf.com.au> utilising your Compass parent ID and password

A suggested amount will be listed for each payment item which you can adjust according to your preference. Full details will be in Compass.

The Compass parent user guide can be located under the 'Community-School Documentation' tab in Compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Preferred method of payment for these opt-in items and activities is via Compass Events online.

ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF PAYMENT: Please email finance@mwsc.vic.edu.au.

Please note, we prefer no cash payments.

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.