Mount Waverley Secondary College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Mount Waverley Secondary College is looking forward to another outstanding year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 2025 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 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 please visit website; <u>Department's Parent Payments Policy</u>.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Karen Wade College Principal Mrs Chelsea Eow School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 7 Student ID Card	\$10
Year 7 Subject Handbook	\$5
Year 7 Student Planner	\$25
Year 7 classroom consumables, materials & equipment	
 Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$50) Food Tech –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta (\$125) Science – chemicals (\$35) Technology (\$65) English – guest speaker (\$7) Stationery, paper, posters, charts (\$25) 	\$307
Year 7 Band Program use and maintenance of Musical instrument	\$100
Year 7 Contribution to improve the delivery of online learning programs supporting the curriculum, server and ICT system costs	\$100
Year 7 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$100
Total Amount	\$647
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria membership (\$4) & District Affiliation membership (\$12)	\$16
Compass School Manager student and parent communication tool (SMS, attendance, reporting, chronicle, sick bay)	\$65
Student wellbeing program theme for Year 7 is 'Connection to me and others'. (The year 7 student wellbeing program focuses focus on cyber safety, promoting positive body image, creating positive connection with peers and an introduction to mental health. The program is supported and delivered by several guest speakers such as Body Safety Australia, Reach Foundation and Toolbox Education, as well as the Junior Campus student wellbeing team	\$50
Library online resources (including Herald Sun/Age subscriptions, Newscan, Newsbank, Britannica, World Book, EBSCO, eBooks)	\$20
Lockers/Locker Maintenance	\$25
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.)	\$150
College grounds maintenance and improvements (includes upgrades to courts, ovals, gardens and outdoor seating areas)	\$150
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of college infrastructure.	\$150
Total Amount	\$626

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Provided on a user-pays basis	Amount
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. Please ensure payment is made by the due date.	
Combination Padlock. We recommend purchase of combination padlock from the school as the supplier provides us with a record of all combinations allowing staff to assist your student should they forget their combination.	\$20
Year 7 school events Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$20) Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$20)	\$40
School magazine/ yearbook	\$28
Year 7 school camp	Estimate \$420
Year 7 Aquatic & Gymnastics Program	Estimate \$135
Year 7 Interschool Sports program	\$20
Year 7 Instrumental Music Program. There is an annual tuition charge for 30 minute group or individual lessons ranging from \$670 to \$850 (per instrument).	From \$670
Other Year 7 events and excursions to be scheduled throughout 2026	\$TBA
These items and activities will be added throughout 2026 as Events on Compass.	

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, found on the college website: https://mwsc7-9.orderportal.com.au/

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:

Finance Office Phone: 03 9803 6811

Email: finance@mwsc.vic.edu.au

Payment Method

Curriculum and Other Contributions

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.

Extra-Curricular items and Activities

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

Please refer to our Parent Payment Refund Policy.





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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.