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2025 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Maffra Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Maffra Secondary College's financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all Curriculum Contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, these contributions and the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and extra-curricular activities for our students. This continues to make a difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Parent contributions assist us with purchasing art, music, technology, languages, sport, outdoor education and additional equipment and resources which in turn, supports highly engaging learning programs and resources for extra-curricular activities. All of these programs are imperative to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous breadth of educational opportunities for your child/ren.

Within our school this funding has allowed us to co-ordinate and deliver the breadth of learning opportunities, experiences and wellbeing support programs our students have always enjoyed and valued.

In addition to this, Maffra Secondary College provides a number of no cost, low cost and high cost elective subjects for students to choose which are provided on a user pays basis. The cost associated with these electives are for excursions and items supplied which go above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the curriculum and are classed as Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. If you have chosen for your child to participate in one or more of these electives the associated charge will be added to your school account and posted to families at the end of the school year when subject selections are finalised. These accounts are payable by end of Term 1 2025 unless you have a regular payment plan in place.

Maffra Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options including the Victorian Government School Savings Bonus. This one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus is available to help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports including extra-curricular items and activities included in elective subjects listed below. If you need assistance in accessing this payment or wish to discuss alternative payment options please phone the school on 51 471 790.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Roep
Principal

Peter Neaves
School Council President



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Voluntary Curriculum Contributions - (Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum)		Amount
YEAR 7 classroom consumables, materials and equipment		\$100
YEAR 8 classroom consumables, materials and equipment		\$100
YEAR 9 classroom consumables, materials and equipment		\$100
YEAR 10 classroom consumables, materials and equipment		\$100
Year 11 & 12 classroom consumables, materials and equipment		\$50
YEAR 7 TO 12 Whole school events - Athletics carnival – venue and transport (\$10) - Cross Country – venue and transport (\$10)		\$20
Other Contributions (for non-curriculum items and activities)		
SCHOOL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS Your voluntary contribution will allow us to make improvements to our school and grounds. We are currently working on the Upper Quad redevelopment and refurbishment of the F-Wing toilet facilities.		\$
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE PLEASE VISIT THE COMPASS PAYMENTS CENTRE (FLYER ATTACHED)		
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Maffra Secondary College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are provided on a user-pays basis. Information and costs for camps and excursions will be distributed throughout 2025 closer to the events occurring.		
Replacement Padlock	\$30.00	
Photocopying Credit (all students are credited with \$10 credit at start of the Year at no cost. Additional credit can be purchased throughout year if required)	\$Variable	
Instrumental Music – including Vocal Lessons (billed per term)	\$250 pa	
Instrument Hire (Yearly Fee) Please refer to Instrumental Music Program Application Form	\$Variable	
Year Level Camps & Optional Excursions	\$TBA	



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities				
2025 Elective Subjects (Please refer to Handbooks for overview of subject and inclusions.)				
YEAR 9 ELECTIVES				
Art	NO COST	Ag and Hort	\$50.00	
Music	NO COST	Creative Writing	NO COST	
Media & Visual Communication	NO COST	Forensic Science	NO COST	
Photography	\$25.00	Health & Human Development	NO COST	
Cultural Foods	\$50.00	Marine Science	\$57.00	
Energy Breakthrough	\$340.00	Sport Science	NO COST	
Digital Technologies	NO COST	Surf & Turf	\$120.00	
What's Cooking	\$50.00	Retro Fashion	NO COST	
Product Design & Technology	\$50.00			
YEAR 10 ELECTIVES				
Accounting	NO COST	Hospitality Skills	\$50	
Biology/Chemistry	NO COST	Drama	\$50	
Business & Economics	NO COST	Music	NO COST	
Creative Writing	NO COST	Media	NO COST	
Geography/Environmental Science	NO COST	Outdoor & Environmental Studies	\$100	
Global Health	NO COST	Sport Science	NO COST	
History	NO COST	Physical Education	NO COST	
Legal Studies	NO COST	Product Design – Textiles	NO COST	
Physics/Chemistry	NO COST	Product Design – Materials	\$50	
Psychology/Biology	NO COST	Supa Coach	\$94	
Agriculture & Horticulture	\$50	Trade Skills	\$50	
Art Making & Exhibiting	\$20	Visual Communication & Design	\$0	
Digital Technologies	NO COST	Food Studies	\$50	
YEAR 11 & 12 ELECTIVES				



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UNITS 1 AND 2		UNITS 3 AND 4	
Agriculture & Horticulture	\$100	Agriculture & Horticulture	\$100
Art Making and Exhibiting	\$100	Art Making and Exhibiting	\$100
Biology	\$60	Biology	\$110
Business Management	NO COST	Business Management	NO COST
Chemistry	\$100	Chemistry	\$80
English	NO COST	English	NO COST
Food Studies	\$100	Food Studies	\$100
Health & Human Development	NO COST	Health & Human Development	NO COST
History – Modern History	NO COST		
Legal Studies	NO COST	Legal Studies	NO COST
Mathematics – General	NO COST	Mathematics – General	NO COST
Mathematics – Maths Methods	NO COST	Mathematics – Maths Methods	NO COST
Outdoor and Environmental Studies	\$500	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	\$500
Physical Education	NO COST	Physical Education	\$50
Physics	\$90	Physics	\$90
Product Design -Wood	\$100	Product Design -Wood	\$100
Product Design -Textiles	NO COST	Product Design -Textiles	NO COST
Psychology	NO COST	Psychology	NO COST
Theatre Studies	\$50		
TAFE (Vet subject Year 1)	\$500	TAFE (Vet subject Year 2)	\$250
VCE VM COSTS			
VM – includes camp & excursions	\$500		
VET SUBJECTS Year 1	\$500	VET SUBJECTS Year 2	\$250
Please note all VCE/VM students must pay their TAFE (VET subject) cost, along with \$500 for the camp and excursions to secure their place in the program as stated in the 2025 Senior School Subject Information handbook.			
YOUR ONE OFF \$400 GOVERNMENT SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS CAN BE USED TOWARDS ANY OF THE EXTRA CURRICULAR ITEM AND ACTIVITIES LISTED ABOVE BY ALLOCATING YOUR BONUS TO ACTIVITIES. (FLYER ATTACHED)			



Payment methods

Payment can be made by:

- Cash Eftpos
- Credit Card
- Cheque
- Bpay
- Centrelink payments (Centrepay)
- Compass Pay (flyer attached)
- Payment plans available (please contact Business Manager)
- School Savings Bonus can be used towards activities (ie camps.excursions, including subject offering activities)

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the College 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 other relevant information.

For further information regarding the Department's Parent Payment Policy, please refer to the one page overview attached.

Financial Support for Families

Maffra 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)
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>
- State Schools Relief – please contact the Maffra Secondary College Admin Office
- Saver Plus Program
<https://www.anz.com.au/about-us/sustainability-framework/financial-wellbeing/saverplus/>
- Payment Options available via Reception (eg Centrepay)
- School Savings Bonus can be used towards activities (ie camps.excursions, including subject offering activities)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the School on 03 5147 1790.

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.