

YEAR 9 - 2026

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year 9 SDC Planner</i>	\$25
<i>Year 9 classroom consumables, materials & equipment including printing, workbooks and learning materials, provision of locker.</i> • Science – chemicals • English/Humanities – workbooks • Maths • Health and Physical Education - equipment	\$202
Year 9 Whole school events • Athletics carnival - entry and transport • Swimming carnival – entry and transport	\$14
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Contributions to ICT Capacity Building Program</i>	\$65
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$90
Total Amount	\$236

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Sunbury Downs 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)
<i>School magazine/ yearbook – Nexus 2025</i>	\$35	
<i>Year 9 Camp – Urban Experience</i>	\$160	
<i>Year 9 Outdoor Education Camp</i>	\$345	
<i>Year 9 ACE Program Fee (By Application)</i>	\$405	
<i>Year 9 ACE Testing Fee</i>	\$100	

Instrumental Music Lessons (Either individual or combined with ACE Program)	\$605	
Instrumental Instrument Hire	\$300	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		

Financial Support for Families

Sunbury Downs College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – forms available from General Office for health care card holders
- Payment Plans for extra-curricular items and activities
- Second hand and low cost options – Second hand uniform enquiries are directed to social media sources
- State Schools Relief to be discussed with Finance Officer or Wellbeing Officer
- Local community supports – organised by Youth Worker at the College

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Wendy Tingley, Office Manager

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Category		
Curriculum Contributions		\$
Other Contributions	(Non-tax deductible)	\$
	(Tax-deductible)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$
Total		\$

Payment methods

- BPay
- Direct Deposit
- Cash
- Credit Card
- Payment Plan can be set up via Finance Officer or Business Manager

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.

Refunds must be made via a financial institution. Bank details must be provided when applying for a refund

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.