



November 2021

Dear parent/guardian,

Parent Payment Arrangements 2022 - Foundation

Hawkesdale P12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, physical education equipment and resources, upgrading our digital device program, which in turn supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths.

Other programs which we are able to offer because of your contributions include the drama program/school production, robotics, and the variety of welfare programs and events such as the Colour Run and Hands on Learning. We have also been able to provide air conditioning in all classrooms for additional comfort for our students, and to subsidise our swimming program. All of these programs running alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs are imperative so as to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

Our school would not be able to fund a range of programs without the ongoing payment of curriculum contributions by parents. Every attempt has been made to limit the size of these contributions and at the October 2021 meeting, school council agreed not to request a contribution from families of Foundation and Year 7 students in recognition of additional costs associated with the transition of the students. We strongly encourage prompt payment of contributions to ensure the continuation of the great programs that we offer at our school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Colan Distel
Principal

Elise Dell
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Foundation Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom – bulk stationery pack • Art, Cooking, Science • Mathematics • English • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials • Library – books, subscriptions • Drama – school production, costumes 	\$55 WAIVED
Foundation ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$40 WAIVED
Foundation Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10 WAIVED
Foundation Sports events and Incursions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming and water safety program • Athletics day • Visiting speakers, sports clinics, performers 	\$50 WAIVED
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs (please nominate an amount)	\$
School stadium maintenance (please nominate an amount)	\$
ICT upgrade and maintenance (please nominate an amount)	\$
School grounds maintenance and improvements (please nominate an amount)	\$
Total Amount	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Hawkesdale P12 College offers the opportunity to attend an optional school excursion/camp. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional F/1/2 school camp	\$TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Hawkesdale P12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (for eligible Health Care Card holders)
- State Schools Relief
- Centrepay
- Payment plan facility

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Sandra Heath, Business Manager on 03 5560 7225
Email: Sandra.heath@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- Cash
- Cheque
- EFTPOS
- Bpay (using the family reference code)
- Direct Deposit to the College Account – Commonwealth bank
 - **BSB: 063-533**
 - **Account No: 10144222**

I authorise \$ _____ to be charged to my Visa/Mastercard

Card No:

Expiry Date: /

Name on Card: _____

Card Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

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.]

Total

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

Your details:		
Student's name:	Year level	
Parent/Carer name (please print):		

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.