

# 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 2025.

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 2024 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



Mrs Chelsea Eow  
School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Year 9 Student ID Card</i>	\$10
<i>Year 9 Subject Handbook</i>	\$5
<i>Year 9 Student Planner</i>	\$25
<i>Year 9 Contribution to commercial grade high speed internet across the school to improve the delivery of online learning programs supporting the curriculum, server &amp; ICT system costs</i>	\$120
<i>Year 9 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$100
<b>Curriculum Contribution towards the provision of Subjects Costs</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Drama – Costumes, mask, scripts, props, sets, stationery \$30</i>	
<i>Media – Upkeep and use of cameras, accessories and software \$40</i>	
<i>Music – Upkeep and use of instruments \$30</i>	
<i>2D Art – equipment &amp; materials \$30</i>	
<i>3D Art &amp; Ceramics – equipment &amp; materials \$40</i>	
<i>Visual Communication – stationery &amp; materials \$20</i>	
<i>Journalism – stationery &amp; materials \$20</i>	
<i>Duke of Edinburgh – includes registration, 3-4 excursions, 2 camps, kayaking, first aid training &amp; resources \$1200 (approximate)</i>	
<i>Japanese – competition entry, incursions &amp; workshops \$20</i>	
<i>German – competition entry, incursions &amp; workshops \$20</i>	
<i>Food Safari – ingredients for the semester, maintenance of kitchen equipment \$85</i>	
<i>Electronics – student projects materials for the semester, machine maintenance &amp; peripherals \$80</i>	
<i>Designing for Tomorrow – materials for student projects \$40</i>	
<i>Design, Create &amp; Bake – ingredients for the semester, maintenance of kitchen equipment \$85</i>	
<i>Multimedia &amp; Web Design – student projects materials for the semester \$20</i>	
<i>IT Programming – student projects materials for the semester \$20</i>	
<i>3D Design &amp; Prototyping – student projects materials for the semester \$80</i>	
<i>Wood student projects materials for the semester, machine maintenance and peripherals \$105</i>	
<b>Total Amount</b>	

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria membership (\$3) & District Affiliation membership (\$11)	\$14
Compass School Manager student and parent communication tool (SMS, attendance, reporting, chronicle, sick bay)	\$65
Student wellbeing program theme for Year 9 students is 'Connection to Community'. (The Year 9 student wellbeing program focuses on developing and maintaining positive peer relationships, creating a sense of belonging, challenging students to tap into their full potential, cyber safety and maintaining resilience. The program is supported and delivered by several guest speakers such as the Reach foundation and youth motivational speaker Jonny Shannon, as well as the Senior Campus student wellbeing team.)	\$60
Library online resources (including Herald Sun/Age subscriptions, NewsScan, Newsbank, Britannica, World Book, EBSCO, eBooks)	\$20
Lockers/Locker Maintenance	\$20
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 tennis courts, ovals, gardens and outdoor seating areas)	\$150
<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of college infrastructure.	\$150
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$629</b>

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.	
Year 9 school events Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$20) Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$20)	\$40
School magazine/ yearbook	\$28
Year 9 Inspire (2 days Activities Program)	Estimate \$20
Year 9 Explore (3 days City program)	Estimate \$70
Year 9 Interschool Sports program	\$15
Year 9 Instrumental Music Program. There is an appropriate annual tuition charge for individual and group lessons ranging from \$600 to \$1525.	from \$600
Other Year 9 events and excursions to be scheduled throughout 2025	\$TBA
These items and activities will be added throughout 2025 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, also 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)
- School Saving Bonus (one-off \$400)
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:finance@mwsc.vic.edu.au).

Please note, we prefer no cash payments.

## **Refunds**

Please refer to our Parent Payment Refund Policy -

<https://www.mwsc.vic.edu.au/assets/uploads/2024/04/2024-Parent-Payment-Refund-policy-MWSC-.pdf>

# 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.