



Dear parent/guardian,

Fountain Gate Secondary College is excited to begin another year of exceptional teaching and learning in 2026. As we prepare for the new school year, we would like to inform you about Fountain Gate Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions that support our school's continued success.

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. This has made a substantial difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects; enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet including enhanced digital security, expansion of the CCTV coverage for student safety, upgrades to classrooms including split system air conditioning in all learning spaces, expanded careers team to support diverse student pathways and updated computer laboratories.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support, which continues to make a significant difference in the quality of education and opportunities we can provide.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ms Jo Cucchiara
Principal

Mrs Michelle Generowicz
School council president

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Subject Consumables Student ID Card, Classroom consumables, material and equipment, ICT Devices – maintenance, device configuration, service costs, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials, locker hire and combination lock.	\$250.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation.	\$20.00
Student and parent communication tool-Compass.	\$20.00
First aid equipment and hygiene costs-first aid consumables required to treat students.	\$20.00
Enhanced Wellbeing Support	\$20.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Any amount you wish to contribute)	\$50.00
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Any amount you wish to contribute)	\$50.00
Total Amount	\$430.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Fountain Gate Secondary 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)
Optional Interschool Sports program – Cost \$20.00 per event. All events will be on Compass. CSEF can be used for this.	TBA	
Optional Instrumental Music Lessons.	\$160.00	
Optional Instrument Hire and Maintenance Program.	\$100.00	
Optional excursions to be scheduled. CSEF can be used for this.	TBA	
Optional Year 7 Camp. CSEF can be used for this.	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$	

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: our accounts receivable team on 03 8762 6839 or Email: fountain.gate.sc@education.vic.gov.au

[For your own safety please do not send credit card details via email](#)

Payment methods

- EFTPOS payment at Finance office
- COMPASS – Full payment or Part payments. Please use your parent login to make payment
- Direct deposit to the school's bank account

Commonwealth bank: BSB 063610 Account: 1046 6780 Reference **STUDENT ID**

- BPay – please contact the office for your unique BPay reference

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.

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.