

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wodonga Senior Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Wodonga Senior Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for our Year 10 program in Semester 1, 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 college can continue to offer the best possible education and support for our students. We appreciate your patience as we transition to our new curriculum contribution processes. We are doing everything we can to make this process as clear as possible for our families.

We want to thank you for all your support to ensure we can provide your child with the best possible education and support they need to achieve their desired pathway. This will make an enormous difference to our college and the programs we can continue to offer with your support.

Within the College this support has allowed us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is highly valued by our school community. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing, and engagement in learning.

At Wodonga Senior Secondary College, we develop and deliver learning and teaching programs drawing on the best educational knowledge and practices and strive to offer broad and enriched opportunities to students that are beyond what is required in the standard curriculum and what is provided for by Government funding.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please see a one-page overview attached. We will also have additional information available in our School Portal and website.

Regards,



Vern Hilditch
Executive Principal



Cass Walters
Campus Principal

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.

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that your students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum .	
Costs are per student for Semester 1). Please see the specific list for your child on the School Portal.	
Year 10	Amount
<i>Automotive Studies – Equipment upkeep and materials</i>	\$40
<i>Engineering Studies – Equipment upkeep and materials</i>	\$55
<i>Foods/Hospitality – Ingredients for recipes and equipment upkeep</i>	\$100
<i>Games Development – Licencing and software fees</i>	\$50
<i>Multimedia – Licencing and software fees</i>	\$50
<i>Sport & Recreation – Equipment upkeep and materials</i>	\$25
<i>Studio Art – Equipment upkeep and materials</i>	\$50
<i>Taste of VET Salon Services – Materials and equipment upkeep</i>	\$50
<i>Theatre Studies – Set materials</i>	\$50
<i>Timber Studies – Materials for project, equipment upkeep</i>	\$50
Other contributions costs for all students - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Portal Subscription	\$5.00
<i>On-line parent access to student reports, attendance, payments and excursions</i>	\$5.00
General Voluntary Contribution	\$50.00
Student Equipment and Furniture	\$50.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	\$
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Included in this information pack is a Resource List that the College recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

- Stationery for specific classes – please see the College website

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wodonga Senior 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 College provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the College.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Optional excursions as scheduled throughout 2022. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year via the School Portal</i>	To be advised
<i>Optional Music Lessons – per Term</i>	\$70.00
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Financial Support for Families

Wodonga Senior Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – any family with a Health Care Card is eligible
- Centrepay for eligible Parents/Guardians
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*

For a confidential discussion about the above, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Belinda Telford

Ph: 02 6043 7500

Email: seniorcollege@wssc.vic.edu.au

Payment methods

Wodonga Senior Secondary College offers several payment options:

- through the School Portal
- by phone
- in person at the front office

These options include Cash, EFTPOS, Credit Card (Visa and Mastercard), and Centrepay.

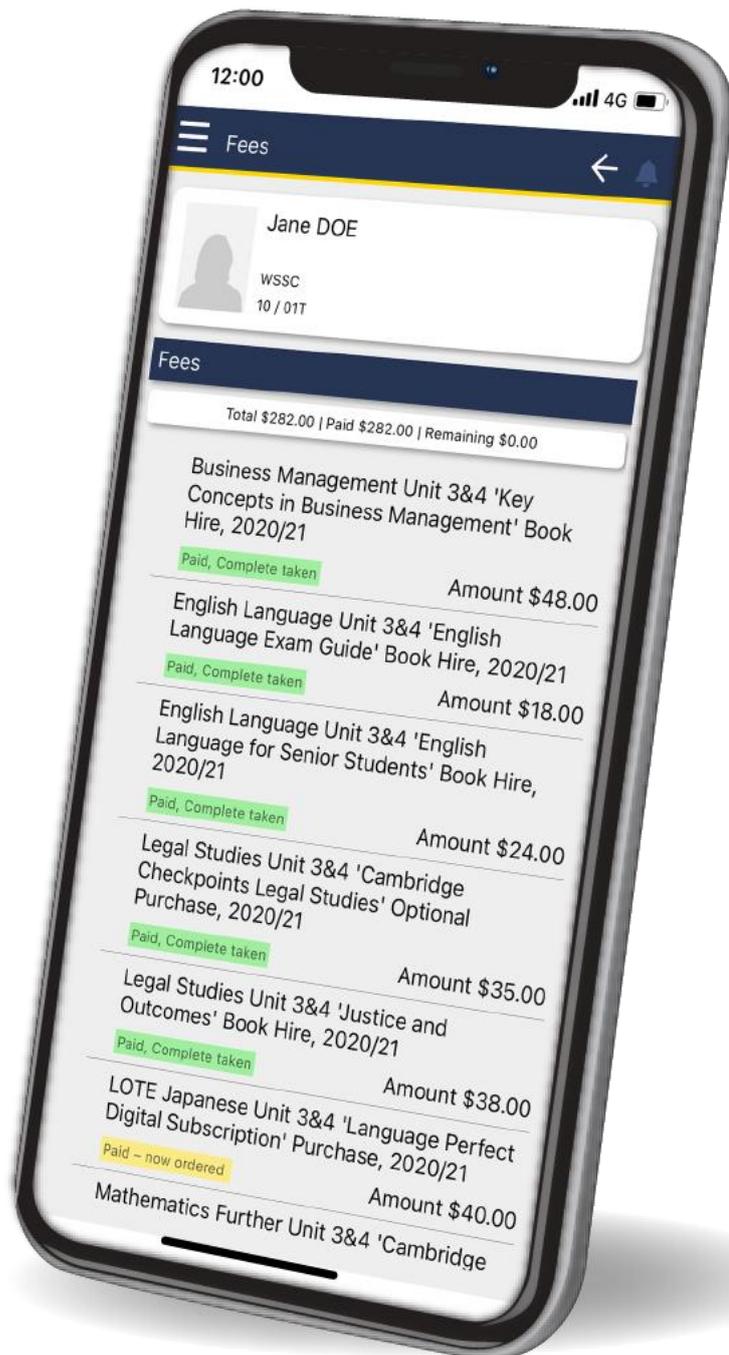


SCHOOL PORTAL

Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to download the School Portal mobile app onto their smart device. The mobile app enables you to stay informed about your child's experience at our College and perform tasks such as:

- View student progress reports
- Approve attendance
- Access student tasks and results
- Make payments
- View teacher and House Leader contacts
- Provide consent for activities and excursions

Please ensure that you have your push notifications enabled for the mobile app, as our College utilises this to distribute important information.



For further information about the School Portal mobile app and for how to make a payment, please visit the College website: <https://bit.ly/wsscapp>

Refunds

Parents request for refunds are subject to the discretion of the College and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the College 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.