

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 Semester 1, 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 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



David Whitehead
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. The below list of courses and contribution costs are subject to change.

Costs are per student for Semester 1). Please see the specific list for your child on the School Portal

Year 11

Accounting 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Agriculture & Horticulture 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Applied Computing 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Arts Creative Practice 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Biology 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
English as an Additional Language 1/2 – materials
Business Management 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Chemistry 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Drama 1/2 – Licencing and software fees
Economics 1/2 – Licencing and software fees
English Language 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
English 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Environmental Science 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Food studies 1/2 – Ingredients for recipes, equipment and materials
General Maths 1/2 - Equipment upkeep and materials
Geography 1/2 - Equipment upkeep and materials
Health & Human Development 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
History Ancient 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
History Modern 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Industry and Enterprise 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Japanese Language 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Legal Studies 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Literature 1/2 - Equipment upkeep and materials
Maths Methods 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Media 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Music 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Outdoor & Environmental 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Physical Education 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Physics 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Philosophy 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Psychology 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Sociology 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Specialist Maths 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Systems Engineering 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Theatre Studies 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Automotive 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Barbering 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials

VET Beauty 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Building & Construction 1/2 – Materials for project, equipment
VET Circus Arts 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Creative Digital Media 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Early Childhood Education & Care 1/2 – Equipment and materials
VET Engineering 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Hairdressing 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Community Services 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Health Assistance 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Hospitality 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Music Industry 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Sport & Recreation 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Visual Communication & Design 1/2 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Year 12
Accounting 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Agriculture & Horticulture 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Arts Creative Practice 3/4– Equipment upkeep and materials
Biology 3/4– Equipment upkeep and materials
Business Management 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Chemistry 3/4– Equipment upkeep and materials
Drama 3/4– Licencing and software fees
Economics 3/4 – Licencing and software fees
English 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
English as an Additional Language 3/4 – Equipment and materials
English Language 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Environmental Science 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Food studies 3/4 – Ingredients for recipes, equipment and materials
General Maths 3/4 - Equipment upkeep and materials
Health & Human Development 3/4 – Equipment and materials upkeep
History Ancient 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
History Revolution 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Industry & Enterprise 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Japanese Language 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Legal Studies 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Literature 3/4 - Equipment upkeep and materials
Maths Methods 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Music Contemporary Perf 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Outdoor & Environmental 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Physical Education 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Physics 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Psychology 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials

Sociology 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Software Development 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Specialist Maths 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Systems Engineering 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Theatre Studies 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Automotive 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Beauty 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Barbering 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Building & Construction 3/4 – Materials for project, equipment
VET Circus Arts 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Creative Digital Media 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Early Childhood Education & Care 3/4 – Equipment and materials
VET Engineering 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Hairdressing 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Health Assistance 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Hospitality 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Music Industry 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
VET Sport & Recreation 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Vietnamese Language 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials
Visual Communication & Design 3/4 – Equipment upkeep and materials

Other contributions costs for all students - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Portal Subscription <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</i> excursions as scheduled throughout 2025. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year via the School Portal	To be advised
<i>Optional</i> Music Lessons – per Term	\$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)*
- School Savings Bonus

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



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.