Sunshine College
Creating Futures

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Sunshine College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Sunshine College's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; upgrading of school facilities across multiple campuses and faster WIFI and internet.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tim Blunt
College Principal

Mr Anthony Malloy
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Cost of Actual Resource**	**Cost Covered by School**	**Cost Contributed by Parent**
• Laptop purchase through Learning with Technologies ***(listed range of costs can be subject to change)*** *Access link to portal: https://sunshinecollege.orderportal.com.au/*	Ranges from: $708.40 - $1,355.00		
School Resources Bundle: ***(to be purchased through Box of Books)*** • Student Diary • School ID Card • School Sports Membership • Math Reciprocals	 $20.00 $10.00 $10.00 $ 5.00	$10.00	$35.00
Digital Resource Bundle: ***(to be purchased through Box of Books)*** • Digital Education Resources ○ Compass ○ Mathletics *(mathematics subscription)* ○ Elastik • Wellbeing Program & Resources including but not limited to: The Real Schools Program and Elephant Education	 $65.00 $30.00 $10.00 $55.00	$30.00	$130.00
Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment • English – including but not limited to resources, photocopying and printing, class shared consumables • Humanities –including but not limited to resources, photocopying and printing, class shared consumables • Mathematics –including but not limited to resources, photocopying and printing, class shared consumables • Science –including but not limited to resources, photocopying and printing, class shared consumables • Provision and Upkeep of School Devices, Peripherals and ICT – devices owned by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance, server/system cost	 $30.00 $30.00 $20.00 $30.00 $20.00	$65.00	$65.00
Total Amount:	***$335.00***	***$105.00***	
Total Amount of Parent Contribution:			**$230.00**

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities **Please note this is not a mandatory contribution*			**Amount**
School Building Fund *(voluntary contribution)*			$50.00
Outside Sporting Facility, Grounds and Garden *(voluntary contribution)*			$50.00
College Yearbook 2026			$10.00
Total Amount			**$110.00**
Photocopy Credit: additional credit for student printing use, user pays basis *(various $ amount as requested by student)*			$5.00 - $30.00
Total Amount			**Various**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Sunshine 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by Friday 5th December 2025.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (user pays basis) ****Please note this is not a whole school charge and is only for students who select to participate in these additional programs or require additional items***	**Amount**	**Purchase (Please tick)**
Instrumental Music Concert Band: • Consumables: including repairs & maintenance, reeds, strings etc ($75.00)	$75.00	
Year 8 Camp 2026	TBA	
Excursions to be scheduled during the year	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		**VARIOUS**

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Jade McKimmie – Business Manager

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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	**$230.00**
Other Contributions	**$110.00**
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (user pays basis)	**VARIOUS**

Payment methods

- BPAY
- Cash Payments
- EFT payments
- Credit Card Payments
- Direct Credit Payments

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.