

28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear parent/carer,

**2025 Year 11 Vocational Major Curriculum & Other Contributions and Extra Curricular Items**

Greensborough College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the College's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, 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.

Greensborough College makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for families.

Greensborough College is a school with a proud tradition of providing high quality education through a wide range of academic and co-curricular programs which support, extend and challenge students to achieve their personal best. Our programs offer a stimulating blend of academic, cultural and sporting activities that equip our young people with the essential skills and qualities they will need to become successful members of the broader and global community. Respect and High Expectations are the touchstones that underpin how we work together.


The Victorian Government provides most of the school's requirements in the form of salaries, land, building infrastructure and maintenance. The Government also provides most funding for curriculum and some student services. However, Government funds do fall short of what is required to deliver the enhanced educational program and the student services that our community expects. Therefore, Greensborough College Council, like most other school councils in the state, requests that parents make a contribution to cover this shortfall. Your voluntary contribution enables the school to purchase a variety of resources to provide the best possible education for your child.

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


School Council is mindful of the competing interests on your household budget, and we endeavour to keep the College voluntary contributions to a minimum. We look forward to you joining us in partnership with the College as your contribution is vital to providing a quality education.

We want to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Pauline Barker  
College Principal



Kate Lansbury  
School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
2025 Student ID Card	\$5.00
2025 Year 11 Vocational Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills &amp; Personal Development Skills – Classroom and assessment materials &amp; activities \$250</li> <li>• Health &amp; Physical Development \$50.00</li> <li>• Renaissance Learning \$10.00</li> </ul>	\$310.00
2025 Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics carnival - entry and transport</li> <li>• Swimming carnival – entry, lifeguards and transport</li> </ul>	\$30.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>

<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
Interschool Sport Affiliations	\$15.00
Student Wellbeing Workshops	\$15.00
Study Skills Seminar	\$10.00
Locker Hire / Maintenance	\$15.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>

### **Educational items for students to own**

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from North of the Yarra for your child to individually own and use.

### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Greensborough College offers 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Optional Interschool Sports program to be scheduled	TBA	
Optional Music Instrumental lessons	\$150	
Optional Athletic Development Program (by application only)	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		

## Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment Plans available via Compass

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

Michelle Gambin

Ph: 03 9433 2666 | Email: [greensborough.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:greensborough.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

## Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$345.00
Other Contributions	\$55.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA
Total	\$400.00 (+Extra Curricular)

## Payment methods

All Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities listed on the following pages will also be available for you to see on Compass. Compass is the College reference point for all Parent Payment contributions. Please don't hesitate to call the General Office if you require assistance with this on 9433 2666.

Preferred payment method

- Via Compass (The Compass portal will open for payments 5th December 2024)

Other payment methods

- BPay
- Cash/Card payments direct to General Office on 9433 2666

## 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.