

27<sup>th</sup> October. 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **2021 Year 8 School Council Approved Contributions**

Greensborough College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Greensborough College's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

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

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 College endeavours to provide a broad range of engaging programs to cater for students' interests and needs. Some programs are more costly due to the materials or resources required and, in some cases, this involves the setting of College charges.

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 contribution enables the school to purchase a variety of resources to provide the best possible education for your child.

The "Education and Training Reform Act 2006" provides that instruction in the standard curriculum program is delivered free to all students in Victorian Government Schools. It includes learning and teaching, instructional supports, materials and resources, administration and facilities associated with the provision of the standard curriculum program. This program covers core learning and teaching activities.

The Act also grants School Councils the power to charge fees for goods and services to support the delivery of free instruction and to raise funds. To maintain our educational excellence we rely on our families contributing through targeted charges.

#### **Payment Methods**

- Via Compass
- BPay
- Cash/Card payments direct to General Office
- Payment Plan

### **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
- Payment Plans available via Compass

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

Kerri Trevaskis

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### **FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 8 TOTAL \$440.00**

Please find attached, the itemised list of Essential/Optional/Voluntary and Elective items for your child.

School Council is mindful of the competing interests on your household budget and we endeavour to keep the College charges 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.

Thank you for your support.

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

Yours sincerely,



Pauline Barker  
College principal



Silvia Zuzek  
School Council President