

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 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 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 Robert Ward
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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laptop purchase through Learning with Technologies <p>Access link to portal: https://sunshinecollege.orderportal.com.au/</p>	Ranges from: \$605.00 - \$1,202.99		
<p>School Resources Bundle: (to be purchased through Box of Books)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Diary School ID Card School Sports Membership 	\$21.10 \$10.55 \$10.55	\$10.55	\$31.65
<p>Digital Resource Bundle: (to be purchased through Box of Books)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Education Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compass Mathletics <i>(mathematics subscription)</i> Wellbeing Program & Resources including but not limited to: The Real Schools program and Elephant Education 	\$68.58 \$31.65 \$42.20	\$36.93	\$105.50
<p>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	\$67.15	\$62.85
Total Amount:	\$313.63	\$114.63	
Total Amount of Parent Contribution:			\$200.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities			Amount
<i>*Please note this is not a mandatory contribution</i>			
School Padlock <i>(only if required)</i> To be purchased through Box of Books			\$20.00
School Building Fund <i>(voluntary contribution)</i>			\$50.00
Outside Sporting Facility, Grounds and Garden <i>(voluntary contribution)</i>			\$50.00
College Yearbook 2025			\$10.00
Total Amount			\$130.00
Photocopy Credit: additional credit for student printing use, user pays basis <i>(various \$ amount as requested by student)</i>			\$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 6th December 2024.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (user pays basis)	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>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</i>		
Instrumental Music Concert Band:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumables: including repairs & maintenance, reeds, strings etc (\$75.00) 	\$75.00	
Year 8 Camp 2025	\$450.00	
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)
- School Start Bonus (once off payment in 2025)

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

Jade McKimmie – Business Manager

Ph: 03 8311 5200 | Email: sunshine.co@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$200.00
Other Contributions	\$130.00
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

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.