



# Pyramid Hill College

*A Community P-10 College - Achieving Excellence*

ABN: 26 272 843 625

Dear parent/guardian,

Pyramid Hill College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Pyramid Hill College's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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, your support in 2021 allowed us to:

- Offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Upgrade and purchase of additional IT devices for student loans during Covid lockdowns

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

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Moon,

Principal

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Year 7/8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art supplies</li> <li>• Science consumables</li> <li>• Mathematics – Maths Mate</li> <li>• Sports equipment</li> <li>• Textiles consumables</li> <li>• Wood consumables</li> </ul>	\$20
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential Assessment</li> <li>• Compass</li> <li>• Online numeracy subscriptions</li> </ul>	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$5
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics carnival - entry and transport</li> <li>• Swimming carnival – entry and transport</li> <li>• Cultural Incursions</li> </ul>	\$10
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Student wellbeing programs	\$5
First aid equipment	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$5
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Pyramid Hill 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 14/12/21

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase</b>
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		(Please tick)
School magazine/ yearbook	\$20	
Food Technology - take home food	\$120 or \$3.50 per lesson	
School camp	TBA	
Interschool Sports program	TBA	
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Part payment schemes

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

Joy Colvin, Business Manager  
Ph: 03 5455 7377 Email: joy.colvin@education.vic.gov.au

### Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

### Payment methods

Direct Deposit:  
BSB: 083 693 Account No: 60 880 2159

### Refunds - Pyramid Hill College Refund Arrangements

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.