



Highvale

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YEAR 11 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Dear parent/guardian,

Highvale Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Highvale's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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. We want to thank you for all your support, this has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider range of subjects and specialised curriculum experiences, including enhanced digital learning opportunities assisted by online learning resource programs and platforms available to our students.

Parent support has also assisted with the general maintenance and improvement of College facilities. This has included construction of our college theatre, provision of a shade structure and seating to basketball courts, various shade sails around the school, college fencing and a music pod, as well as enhancement to our college gardens and outdoor spaces for student use.

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

Please find the charges schedule for Year 11 attached. Please complete this form and return to the College or alternatively log on to Compass to set up your payment arrangements.

Highvale Secondary College makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities affordable for all families.

Yours sincerely,

Evan Miller
Principal

Aswin Bindu
College Council President

Student Name: _____

Student ID Code: _____

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Suggested Amount	Amount Paid
<p>Student Materials & Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Online Resources for Learning & Assessments</i> • <i>Student Printing & Photocopying</i> • <i>Student Diary (purposely designed & printed for HVSC students including school information in relation to College Rule and Policies, Uniform Dress Code and School Procedures)</i> 	\$189	
<p>Student ID Card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Each student requires a Photo ID Card to access the Library Borrowing Systems, Compass Kiosk and as proof of identity. The college supplies these cards to all students annually.</i> 	\$11	
<p>Focus Group – Year 11 <i>All students attend weekly focus group sessions for one period a week as part of the College Curriculum. In the past Year 11 Focus Group has included:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Four sessions of Elevate Education</i> • <i>Red Frog Safe Partying session</i> • <i>SWPBS Presentation</i> • <i>An opportunity to practice study skills</i> • <i>Learning about career options and developing a career action plan</i> • <i>Participate in safety programs</i> • <i>Participate in enhanced activities based on classroom learning outcomes</i> • <i>Information about VCE & VTAC</i> 	\$35	
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$235	

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Suggested Amount	Amount Paid
<p>Highvale Secondary College continues to welcome your contributions to support our school. You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all our school's important priorities for 2024, as well as contributions towards additional activities and services provided for all students. Alternatively, you can make a contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined below.</p>		
<p>Student Services <i>Includes first aid support, hygiene costs, welfare support</i></p>	\$36	
<p>Sport <i>Includes a contribution towards our Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival, School Sport Vic Association and Division Athletics Student Affiliations so we can continue to provide these programs to students</i></p>	\$34	
<p>Communication Tools <i>Includes a contribution towards the schools Compass subscription</i></p>	\$50	
<p>Student Locker <i>Includes a contribution towards the hire, continued maintenance and upkeep of the student locker facilities</i></p>	\$20	
<p>Grounds <i>Ensures that our grounds are kept to a high standard of amenity and safety</i></p>	\$56	
<p>Total Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)</p>	\$196	

Tax deductible contributions:		
<p>College Building Fund. <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i> <i>The college buildings have been substantially improved over the years through generous parent contributions. Recent improvements funded by this voluntary contribution, have contributed to the annual gym floor sealing and maintenance, refurbishment of buildings, internal and external painting.</i></p>	Suggested Amount: \$ 100	
<p>College Library Fund <i>A tax-deductible contribution used to source library operations including the purchase of books, resources and specialised IT library services.</i></p>	Suggested Amount: \$ 70	
<p>Total Other Contributions (Tax-deductible)</p>	Suggested Amount: \$170	

Educational items for students:

Below are the items that the school asks you to purchase externally for your child to individually own and use.

1. General Stationary – students will be asked to purchase their own. Listing will be posted on Compass.
2. English novels, LOTE workbook and Music books. Listing will be posted on Compass.

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Access to State Schools Relief Committee support for clothing/uniforms (SSR)

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

The Business Manager Ph: 03 9803 5144 | Email: admin@highvalesc.vic.edu.au

Refunds

Highvale Secondary 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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information. For refund enquiries please email the College at admin@highvalesc.vic.edu.au

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.