

## CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE



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Dear parent/guardian,

Camperdown College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Camperdown College's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. This year was the first time this has been the case. However, we have been overwhelmed and very appreciative of the high proportion of families who have made voluntary contributions to ensure that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Also in addition, we want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, voluntary parent contributions have enabled us to allocate additional resources to the following areas:

- a full suite of primary specialist subjects with engaging projects (Art, Performing Arts, Indonesian, STEM, PE, Library)
- considerable choice and variety in the Year 7/8 Art/Technology rotations and 9/10 electives, with quality projects
- intervention and extension groups to support individual learning needs
- applied learning experiences including our highly regarded Hands-on Learning program
- targeted wellbeing programs and support
- a range of senior pathways and small VCE classes
- reliable 1-1 laptop program for all students from Years 3 -12 with full technical support, software and printing, and access to classroom devices from Prep – Year 2
- performance experiences such as school production and instrumental music
- extensive sporting and extra-curricular activities
- subsidised excursions and camps

With ongoing support from our families, School Council is confident that these highly valued elements of the Camperdown College experience will be maintained in 2023.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Principal

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# 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) 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.