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Dear parent/guardian,

Edgars Creek Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Edgars Creek Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 have a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; and allow students to engage with highly effective wellbeing and careers tools.

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

Yours sincerely,

Adam Smith
College Principal

Laura Game
School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Amount**
Year 9 classroom consumables, materials & equipment, photocopying of CATs and other assessment tasks. • **Maths, English, Humanities, Health core classes** - *includes printed assessments, materials and equipment for the year* • **Science** – *All materials and chemicals for practical classes over the year* • **Year 9 Program** – *All consumables, guest speakers and workshops for wellbeing, community projects and careers*	$150.00
• ***Whole school events***- *Including Harmony Day Celebrations, RUOK Day, National day against violence and bullying, Wear it Purple Day*	$50.00
Year 9 Electives – *4 electives per year*	$175.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
Student wellbeing programs – *contribute to the additional accredited wellbeing programs such as Project Rocket.*	$25.00
First aid equipment – *to support the purchase or first aid equipment and materials used for students.*	$15.00
Technology equipment maintenance and improvements – *contribute to the servicing and purchase of large equipment for general classrooms and specialised areas including STEAM equipment used across all year levels.*	$35.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements – *Contribute to the caretaking of the college and development of more dynamic outside spaces.*	$25.00
Total Amount	**$475.00**

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Essential Educational items for students to own	
Please refer to the list of items that the school recommends you purchase from *Campion Education* for your child to individually own and use. This can be purchased from Campion Online and be delivered direct to your door. All purchases from Campion Education should be completed before January 30th 2026.	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**Amount**
Edgars Creek Secondary 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 provide consent and payment via Compass by the due date listed on your Compass Parent Portal.**	
Optional instrumental music lessons	TBC

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief*

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

Carolyn Arney – Finance Manager

Sally Boyd – Business Manager

Ph: 03 *9134 8200* | Email: : *accounts@edgarscreeksc.vic.edu.au*

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Total

Category	Amount	Method of payment
Curriculum Contributions	$	
Other Contributions	$	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$	

Payment methods

Edgars Creek Secondary College Strongly encourages families to pay using the Compass Parent Portal. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions, or need support logging into Compass (03) 9134 8200.

Payments can be made to the college office throughout the school term between:

- 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday - Thursday
- 8:30am - 3:30pm on Friday

To assist families our College provides the following payment options:

- **Online payment through your Compass Parent Portal** (Preferred Option)
- Credit card and EFTPOS facilities
- Compass Payment Plans

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. Please review the college refund policy available on the college website, or contact the office for further 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	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.