



Monday, 21 October 2024

Dear parent/guardian,

Re: Voluntary Contributions 2025.

Irymple Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Irymple Secondary 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; the upgrade of our library, faster WIFI and internet.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gregor Allan
Acting Principal

Mrs Fiona Zambelli
School Council President



2025 YEAR 8

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year 8 Student ID Card</i>	\$10
<i>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$25)</i> • <i>Food Tech –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta (\$60)</i> • <i>Science – chemicals (\$35)</i> • <i>Drama – costumes, masks, scripts (\$10)</i> • <i>Health and Physical Education - equipment (\$30)</i> • <i>Technology, Wood Integrated Materials (\$40)</i> 	\$200
<i>Year 8 Online Subscriptions – including Printing and photocopying</i>	\$120
<i>Year 8 Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Athletics carnival - entry and transport</i> • <i>Swimming carnival – entry and transport</i> 	\$30
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership, Wellbeing Programs, Grounds & Improvements</i>	\$40
Total Amount	\$400

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Irymple 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Optional Year 8 School camp</i>	TBA
<i>Optional Swimming Program</i>	\$20
<i>Optional Year 8 Interschool Sports program</i>	TBA
<i>Optional Year 8 Private music lessons</i>	\$150
<i>Other optional Year 8 excursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$



Financial Support for Families

Irymple 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.
- \$400 School Saving Bonus Voucher – Available November 2024

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

Natalie Fryar Ph: 03 5024 5407 | Email: Natalie.Fryar@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods:

BPay Direct Deposit EFTPOS/Credit Card Cash Cheque COMPASS

Family BPAY details are available at the Office

OR

Direct Deposit to:

Account Name: Irymple Secondary College Official Account

BSB: 063 557

Acct Number: 1000 7701

** Please indicate your students name and what you are paying for.

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. Where the refund is deemed eligible, parents will be requested to provide bank account details for funds to be Directly Deposited into their account.

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.