

CreateTheFuture

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Victoria University Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our Curriculum Contributions for 2026.

Your ongoing support of payment towards our Curriculum Contributions and other contributions supports Victoria University Secondary College's goal to ensure that your child reaches their full potential. Your contribution continues to help us support, enhance and improve the delivery of our Year 7-12 learning, literacy & numeracy program, and other signature programs such as AVID, SEAL & STEM. Furthermore, it supports the school in delivering our co-curricular programs such as our college production, music performances, interschool sport, lunchtime activities, homework club, debating and public speaking. All of these programs go towards providing your child with above standard curricular and co-curricular activities.

Schools provide students with free teaching 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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we offer.

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be offering a **free stationery pack** upon full payment of the Curriculum Contributions. The Curriculum Contribution is now available for payment on your parent portal via Compass.

Payment for our specialist programmes and extra-curricular activities will be posted on Compass as a separate fee once numbers have been confirmed. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see our website: www.vusc.vic.edu.au.

Payment methods

The school accepts cash, Visa and Mastercard payments.

If you have any queries, please contact the school on 8312 0200. We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to working with you and your child in 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Hazim

College Principal

Ellen Arnott

College Board President

Correspondence to

Year 7 2026 Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 7 Curriculum Contribution (Payments will be accepted on Orientation Day) Note: The Stationery pack is available to families who pay in full (stationery pack is valued at \$40).	\$250

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities - These are provided on a user-pays basis.	Amount	Purchase
Victoria University 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 to deliver the Curriculum.		(Please tick)
Yearbook	\$25	
Compass ID replacement	\$15	
Interschool Sports Program. This is an opportunity for our students to participate in sporting activities with other schools. It fosters their physical health, develops their social skills, and sets them up for academic success. For the program to be cost effective, we are asking for a nominal fee for students to participate. This fee covers such items as before school or after school training, transport to and from the sporting venues, uniforms for each sport, coaching, venue costs and affiliation fees to be a part of School Sports Victoria & Keilor Division competitions. Existing CSEF/SSB can be used for this program.	\$70	Open to all students. Payment and consent are required prior to participation. This will be payable via Events in Compass.
Music Program. Victoria University Secondary College has a long-standing reputation for Music excellence. Through our unique and innovative music program we encourage our students to develop their individuality, leadership skills, and increase their self-confidence through their music and learning. There are two programs offered within the music program: Concert Band (which is a 3-year commitment Year 7, 8 & 9) and Instrumental Music program (this is rolled over year-	\$250 per year	
by-year). Students are expected to participate in school events, such as the Junior or Senior Soiree, Annual Ensemble Concert, Victorian Schools Music Festival and many other performances at various competitions.		Parents to consent and
Instrumental Students receive a 35-minute weekly tuition/lesson with a professional instructor, instrument hire, all transport costs to and from venues, sheet music and venue admission fees. The Music faculty performs a range of concerts throughout the year which all families are encouraged to attend. All students must be a part of an ensemble.		pay via Compass.
There is also an opportunity to attend our music camp held each year (this is an additional cost).		
Government grants and various additional funding sources enable VUSC to offer the Music Program to students for an accessible and affordable fee of \$250.00 per year (valued at \$930.00) for students who participate in our school ensembles.		
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Year 8 — 12, 2026 Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 8 – Year 12 Curriculum Contribution Note: The Stationery pack is available to families who pay in full (stationery pack is valued at \$40).	\$250

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – These are provided on a user-pays basis.	Amount	Purchase
Victoria University 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 to deliver the Curriculum.		(Please tick)
Combination Lock	\$20	
Yearbook	\$25	
Compass ID replacement	\$15	
Enrichment Program (Year 9 students only) This is an opportunity for Year 9's at VUSC to step out of their comfort zone and explore new skills through immersive experiences off campus throughout the year. The Enrichment program is designed to upskill students' personal and social capabilities to support them in fostering healthy relationships with their peers which is known to result in mental, emotional, social and physical benefits. Existing CSEF/SSB can be used for this program.	\$50	Parents to consent and pay via Events in Compass.
Rugby League Academy Program This is a select entry program. This payment covers an all-day Academy camp as well as transport to and from Rugby League venues around Melbourne, access to the gym facilities, sporting tops & strapping gear. C.S.E.F can be used for this program. It cannot be applied until the student's eligibility is confirmed. Existing CSEF/SSB can be used for this program.	\$250	Parents to consent and pay via Events in Compass.
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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 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.