

# Cann River P-12 College

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Dear parent/guardian,

### Parent payment arrangements for secondary students

Cann River P-12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Cann River P-12 College's voluntary financial contributions.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

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

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Hubble

Acting principal

Tiffany Russell

School Council president

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment (including stationary items and Maths workbook)	\$50
Arts Council performances	\$10
Swimming program (including entry into the swimming pool)	\$20
Excursion and camps contribution	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$100

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities on a user-pays basis

Cann River P-12 College offers a range of optional 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.



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If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please ensure payment is made to the school as soon as practical.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 12 graduation jumper	\$50
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	ТВА
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

#### **Financial Support for Families**

Cann River P-12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Part payment instalment options

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Nick Woodward 03 5158 6245

#### **Total**

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$100
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$50
Total	\$150

#### Payment methods

Cash can be received at the school office, and direct deposits can be made using the following bank details:

BSB: 313 140

- Account: 120 621 36

#### 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.

# 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.