



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mildura Senior College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the College's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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. 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 ICT and digital learning opportunities and maintenance of our College grounds and facilities.

Mildura Senior College will provide families with a personalised subject and contributions list specific to their student's subject selections at enrolment, and this will also be available on request from the front office. The following document contains a breakdown of the details of the Parent Payment Arrangements and we are happy to assist with any questions or enquiries at any time.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Belinda Hudak', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

Belinda Hudak
Principal

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum. This guide includes suggested contributions for each subject.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Vocational Educational Training (VET)

The Department of Education funds VET material fees for government schools to address the cost barrier for families. This funding covers the costs of:

- Materials required for training and assessment that are consumed and cannot be recycled. **Please note students may wish to upgrade materials for certain projects (i.e. upgrade from pine to mahogany). Any upgrade from the materials provided by the college is considered an OPTIONAL ITEM, as per the description above.**
- Safety items worn or used by the student including safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, hair nets.
- Workbooks, handouts, photocopying, online learning resources.
- Class sets, intended to be returned and retained by the school, such as tools, tool belts, specialist knives, aprons.

However, this funding does not cover all costs associated with the facilitation of VET classes. The payment of the following items are supported by Voluntary Financial Contributions from families, as detailed in the 2024 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE attached:

- Transport costs required for training or assessment
- Safety items retained by the student
- Online registration/subscription fees, platform charges, software
- Tuition fees, registration, and administration fees
- Tools upgrade or purchase initiated by the parent

Educational items for students to own

At the College's Enrolment Evening, Parents/Guardians will be provided with a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from a *third-party provider* for your child to individually own and use.

- Textbooks – Collins Booksellers
- Laptops - bring-your-own-device (BYOD) Policy
- School Photos – MSP Photography
- Online resources – Edrolo
- Stationary, Tech & Art kits – Store of your own choice
- Calculator - Store of your own choice

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mildura Senior 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. These are provided on a user-pays basis. A full list can be found on page 10 of the Parent Payment Arrangements. Families will be provided with a personalised breakdown of associated costs once subjects are confirmed at our enrolment session or upon request.

Additional student activities such as local excursions, Balls and Tertiary Trips are promoted, and the payment process shared closer to the event.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

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Financial Support for Families

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

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**
- **Chances for Children** - Chances for Children is a fund set up and operated to remove financial barriers for children and young people in the Mallee to achieve their potential. Chances is a locally based fund, established by the local community, and supported both financially and in kind by local individuals and businesses. There are no set criteria to determine the amount of funding awarded; each is decided on a case-by-case basis considering the specific needs of each applicant in relation to their financial and social circumstances. Each application made to Chances for Children is assessed on its individual merits.
Eligibility criteria and application forms are available from www.chancesforchildren.com.au and are to be completed in collaboration with the College's Wellbeing Coordinator. All applications to Chances for Children must provide evidence that all other avenues of funding have been explored and exhausted. All applications are treated as strictly confidential.
- **State Schools Relief** - State Schools' Relief works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Assistance with school items such as uniforms, shoes and other essential items is provided to families. State Schools' Relief only responds to requests from schools. Parents are encouraged to talk to our Wellbeing Coordinator to access your students' needs and eligibility for assistance. For more information go to: <https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/>
- **Instalment payment arrangements** - The college appreciates that there can sometimes be financial difficulties experienced by parents and guardians in meeting requests for payments and contributions. A range of support options and flexible payment options are available to assist parents and guardians in this regard; an application can be made to the college for a suitable payment arrangement.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Jade Jackson, Business Manager on Ph: 03 5021 2911 or email: jade.jackson@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Families will be invoiced for Extra – Curricular items at the commencement of the school year. Curriculum or other contributions can be made at any time throughout the year. All payments can be made by BPAY, EFTPOS, Cash or by phone. BPAY details will be provided on statements or by contacting the College.

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 refer to the College's *Parent Refund Policy* for further information.

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| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum <i>This guide includes suggested contributions for each subject.</i> | | | Amount |
|--|-------------|--|--|
| Year 11 Learning Resources: (Student Photo ID Card, Printing and photocopying credit, ICT & BYOD Support, Pathways Program, Careers Counselling) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 |
| Year 12 Learning Resources: (Student Photo ID Card, Printing and photocopying credit, ICT & BYOD Support, Pathways Program, Careers Counselling, Tertiary Materials, Exam Revision Materials) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 |
| Subject Area | Units | Description | Suggested Contribution \$ |
| Accounting | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Online learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Agriculture & Horticulture | Units 1 & 2 | Prac materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Prac materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| Art – Creative Practice | Unit 1 & 2 | Art Supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| | Unit 3 & 4 | Art Supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 |
| Art - Making and Exhibiting | Units 1 & 2 | Art project materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Art project materials Online learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Biology | Units 1 & 2 | Prac materials Online Learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Prac materials Online Learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Business Management | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Online learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Chemistry | Units 1 & 2 | Prac materials Online Learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Prac materials Online Learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Computing | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| Computing – Informatics | Units 3 & 4 | | |

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| Computing – Software Development | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Dance | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Drama | Units 1 & 2 | Costume / Prop materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Costume / Prop materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| Economics | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| English as an additional language (EAL) | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | External Practice Exam Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| English | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | External Practice Exam Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| Environmental science | Units 1 & 2 | Prac materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Prac materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| Food Studies | Units 1 & 2 | Food consumables | <input type="checkbox"/> \$180 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Food consumables | <input type="checkbox"/> \$320 |
| Geography | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Global Politics | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Health and Human Development | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| History - Australia | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| History - Revolutions | Units 3 & 4 | Online learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| History - 20 th Century | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| Legal Studies | Units 1 & 2 | Online learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Online learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Languages (VSL) | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Literature | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Maths General | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Exam Study booklet | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Maths Methods | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Exam Study booklet | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |

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| Maths Specialist | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Exam Study booklet | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Media Studies | Units 1 & 2 | Art supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Art supplies Online learning subscription – Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Music performance | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Outdoor & Environmental Studies | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Philosophy | Units 1 & 2 | Subject booklet | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Subject booklet | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| Physical Education | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Physics | Units 1 & 2 | Prac materials Online Learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Prac materials Online Learning subscription - Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Product Design & Technology Metals | Units 1 & 2 | Project Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Project Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| Product Design & Technology Textiles | Units 1 & 2 | Classroom consumables & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Classroom consumables & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 |
| Product Design & Technology Wood | Units 1 & 2 | Project Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Project Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| Psychology | Units 1 & 2 | Topic & Study booklets | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Online learning subscription – Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Religion & Society | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| Sociology | Units 1 & 2 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | | |
| System Engineering | Units 1 & 2 | Subject booklet Project Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Subject booklet Project Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| Theatre Studies | Units 1 & 2 | Costume / Prop materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Costume / Prop materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| Visual Communication | Units 1 & 2 | Art Supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |

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| | Units 3 & 4 | Art Supplies / Project Materials Online learning subscription – Edrolo | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33 |
| Vocational Major | Unit 1 & 2 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Literacy | Unit 3 & 4 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Vocational Major | Unit 1 & 2 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| Numeracy | Unit 3 & 4 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| Vocational Major Work Related Studies | Unit 3 & 4 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Vocational Major Personal Development | Unit 3 & 4 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Victorian Pathway Certificate Literacy | Unit 1 & 2 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Victorian Pathway Certificate Numeracy | Unit 1 & 2 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 |
| Victorian Pathway Certificate Personal Development / Work Related | Unit 1 & 2 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Victorian Pathway Certificate Food | Year 1 | Classroom projects & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 |
| VET Subjects | No Curriculum Contributions | | |
| Total Amount | | | \$ |

| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
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| <i>This guide includes suggested contributions to support students and school programs.</i> | |
| Lockers/locker maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Student wellbeing programs e.g. Homework Club, Breakfast Club, Chaplaincy Support | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Student & Parent Communication tools - Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| College grounds maintenance and improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| Total Amount | \$ |

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities <i>To be invoiced at commencement of school year or when the activity is confirmed. Payment is required to access these items.</i> | | | Purchase (Please tick) | | |
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| Business Management | Units 1 & 2 | ABW (Australian Business Week) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$130 | | |
| English as an additional language (EAL) | Units 3 & 4 | Theatre Company Performance | <input type="checkbox"/> \$17 | | |
| English | Units 3 & 4 | Theatre Company Performance | <input type="checkbox"/> \$17 | | |
| Music Performance | Units 1 & 2 | Instrumental Music Tuition | <input type="checkbox"/> \$130 | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Instrumental Music Tuition | <input type="checkbox"/> \$130 | | |
| Outdoor & Environmental Studies | Unit 1 | Local Activity Deposit – Unit 1 Camp Location & Balance to be advised | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA | | |
| | Unit 2 | Local Activity Deposit – Unit 2 Camp Location & Balance to be advised | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA | | |
| | Unit 3 | Local Activity Deposit – Unit 3 Camp Location & Balance to be advised | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA | | |
| | Unit 4 | Local Activity Deposit – Ski Camp Balance – Ski Camp (approx. \$600) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA | | |
| Product Design & Technology - Textiles | Units 1 & 2 | Deposit – Melbourne Top Design Camp Balance – Melbourne Top Design Camp (approx. \$350) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA | | |
| | Units 3 & 4 | Deposit – Melbourne Top Design Camp Balance – Melbourne Top Design Camp (approx. \$350) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA | | |
| Theatre Studies | Units 1 & 2 | Theatre Performances | <input type="checkbox"/> \$68 | | |
| | Unit 3 & 4 | Theatre Performances | <input type="checkbox"/> \$68 | | |
| Vocational Major | Unit 1 & 2 | Local Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 | | |
| | Unit 3 & 4 | Local Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 | | |
| | Unit 1 & 2 | Local Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 | | |
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| Victorian Pathway Certificate | Unit 3 & 4 | Local Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 |
| Arts Program <i>Art- Creative Practice</i> <i>Art – Making & Exhibiting</i> <i>Visual Communication</i> | Units 3 & 4 | Melbourne Top Arts Trip Students undertaking a Year 12 Arts subject are eligible to apply to attend the Melbourne Top Arts Trip. Limited places are available. Further information will be provided to students closer to the event. A \$50 deposit will be required when applying. | <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA |
| Tertiary Support Program | Year 11 (Yr12's where available spaces) | Melbourne Tertiary Trip Year 11 students are eligible to apply to attend the Melbourne Tertiary Trip. Limited places are available. Further information will be provided to students closer to the event. A \$50 deposit will be required when applying. | <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA |
| | | Adelaide Tertiary Trip Year 11 students are eligible to apply to attend the Adelaide Tertiary Trip. Limited places are available. Further information will be provided to students closer to the event. A \$50 deposit will be required when applying. | <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA |
| School Sports Program | | Students can nominate to take part in Interschool Sports programs. Note: Committing to an Interschool Sport may involve travel to Regional and State competition depending on success. Costs will vary and be confirmed at time of event. In some instances, there is little time between events, which must be paid for prior to attending. | <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA |
| Year 12 Graduation | Year 12 | Graduation Ceremony | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| | | Year 12 Dinner Ticket | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 |
| | | Year 12 Ball Ticket Schools alternate to host the Regions Year 12 Ball. Ticket Price will be confirmed closer to the date. | <input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA |
| College Magazine | All students | MSC College Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (Yr11) | | | \$ |

Total

| Category | |
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| Curriculum Contributions | \$ |
| Other Contributions | \$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$ |

Review and Evaluation

New policy effective 2022/2023

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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.