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Dear Families,

2026 Year 9 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear parent/guardian,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is 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 offer a wide range of subjects, special curriculum experiences and enhanced learning opportunities.

Families are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions for your child/ren. The College has a wide range of payment options available, but please contact the College if you require further assistance.

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

Yours sincerely,

AYLIN GÖKMEN
College Principal

Tiffany Crossland
College Council President

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF)
Parents and guardians, who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, may be eligible for CSEF. This allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child/ren. Please contact the College General Office to apply.

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, music lessons or other optional items.

State Schools Relief (SSR)
State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms and footwear.

Consideration of Hardship
The College appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting requests for payments and contributions. A range of support options are available to assist eligible parents.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the College Business Manager on 03 9743 9211 or email kurunjang.sc@education.vic.gov.au

PAYMENT METHODS

When making payment to the College for any transaction, the following payment options will be available

- Compass Pay Online, through the Parent Portal
- Cash or EFTPOS at the General Office.
- BPay - codes can be provided on request from the General Office
- Centrepay - a free and voluntary service to pay bills and expenses as regular deductions from your Centrelink payments. Please contact the General Office for more information.
- Booklist – curriculum contributions are listed on the College's booklist and payment can be made by ticking these items on your child's booklist

Families are encouraged to set up a regular curriculum contribution payment i.e. fortnightly, to assist in budgeting over the course of the school year in smaller more manageable amounts. Please contact the General Office for more information.

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

Curriculum Contributions *Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum*	**Amount**
Student Organisation Pack ▪ Student ID card & student planner	$20
Classroom Consumables Year 9 ▪ Class sets, printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials, project materials, science experiment materials and chemicals	$30
Year 9 Electives *Applicable to student enrolled in the subjects*	
▪ Food Studies – *baking materials, dairy products, fruit, vegetables, meat, condiments, herbs and spices*	$40
▪ Woodwork – *materials for a mantle clock*	$80
▪ Textiles – *fabrics, toyfill, buttons, cotton, pins, dyes*	$20
▪ Studio Art – *materials for drawing, painting, printmaking*	$20
▪ Visual Communication – *art pencils, paper, paint*	$20
▪ Music – *instrument use, strings, sheet music, music software*	$70
Online Software Programs ▪ Various online computer software programs, resources, and subscriptions	$15
Events & Activities *Payable with CSEF for eligible recipients* ▪ Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival, lunchtime & end of year activities programs, celebration & recognition events	$60

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities *Kurunjang 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.*	**Amount**
College Magazine ▪ Produced annually highlighting the years events, a memento for students secondary schooling	$25
Instrumental Music Lessons ▪ Instrumental music students will receive a weekly lesson with their Instrument Teacher in a small group, lessons occur on a rotating withdrawal from class basis.	$140
Year 9 Camp • 2024 Yr9 Rubicon Camp – 15 Jul to 19 Jul 2024 (to be confirmed)	$250 approx.
Interschool Sport Program ▪ Students can participate in optional interschool sport teams throughout the year, students will be provided details on dates and how to sign up as events are announced. Cost varies per event and ranges dependent on location.	$ to be advised
Excursions ▪ Optional Camps, Excursions and Incursions run throughout the school year and students can attend on a user pay basis. Cost varies per event and will be indicated to families on the permission form.	$ to be advised
Replacement Equipment Pack Items ▪ The equipment pack is provided to students in Year 7, replacement items can be purchased as required from the General Office	
➢ Blue Apron for Woodwork and Art	$7
➢ White Apron for Cooking	$7
➢ Safety Glasses	$2
➢ Locker Combination Padlock	$30

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	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.