

EAST DONCASTER SECONDARY COLLEGE

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS YEAR 9 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

East Doncaster Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of East Doncaster Secondary College's voluntary parent payment arrangements for 2022.

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 offer a wider range of subjects and enhanced curriculum experiences (wider digital learning opportunities, faster WIFI and internet, the upgrade of our Performing Arts Centre, Sports Stadium and fields, Library and Wellbeing upgrade and redevelopment, etc.).

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

Attached is the Parent Payment arrangements for Year 9.

Yours sincerely,

John Roberts
Principal - Executive Officer
East Doncaster Secondary College Council

Educational items for students to own

A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion for your child to individually own and use can be found at <https://www.campion.com.au/> and the Resource List code is **89C6**.

Payment Methods

Payments can be made through the Compass Parent Portal or directly to the College via credit card or cash using the College Payment Envelope. **If you are not paying via Compass, please ensure you return a copy of the completed form (see Page 3) with your payment.**

Refunds

Refunds are to be reviewed on a case by case basis. Refunds will be issued where it is reasonable and fair, e.g. if the College has not incurred a cost or the student has not taken possession of an item. If the College has incurred costs, the school will take into consideration the Financial Help for Families Policy and relevant arrangements, including support for families experiencing hardship. Parents/Guardians will be required to complete the EDSC Refund Request form for all refund requests.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please refer to <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy> or see the one page overview attached.

Philanthropic Contributions

East Doncaster Secondary College continues to welcome your contributions to support our school. Philanthropic contributions by individuals or businesses may be recognised formally by the College in consultation with the Principal and School Council.

School Council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building and Library Funds and a receipt will be issued for all donations to these funds.

If you have any questions regarding this advice, please contact Julie Lawrance on 03 9842 2244 or via email to parentpayments@eastdonsc.vic.edu.au.

We thank you in anticipation and look forward to continuing an enjoyable and rewarding relationship with your child and your family.

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STUDENT NAME _____ **YEAR LEVEL** _____

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom Consumables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food technology (materials such as flour, eggs, sugar, meat, poultry, dairy, fresh produce) • Materials technology (3D printing, laser cutting, materials such as wood, metals, plastics) Wellbeing Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest speakers, Positive Futures, Incursions All School Swimming and Athletics Carnivals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport costs to and from venues, entry and hire costs School Diary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for use in all subjects and for permission to leave class Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple Music, Library Software, Clickview, World Book, Newspaper subscriptions, Testmoz/Survey Monkey, Adobe + Student ID Card Provision and upkeep of devices from the shared classroom sets, peripherals and ICT	\$204
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
General College Contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • includes School Sports Victoria membership, Health Centre nurse and first aid equipment, Compass, and additional staff and services 	\$370
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund - To support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$100 or \$ _____
Library fund - To support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$50 or \$ _____

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Tax Deductible Contributions	\$

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	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.