



Coburg High School

2021 Parent Payment Arrangements



Dear Parents

Coburg High School is looking forward to another successful year of learning and teaching in 2021. This letter is to advise you of the CHS parent payment arrangements. We make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and as affordable as possible for all parents and carers.

The Victorian government provides most of the school's requirements in the form of salaries, land, building infrastructure and maintenance. The government also provide funding for curriculum and some student services. However, the educational programs and the level of services provided at Coburg High School stretch beyond the basics. As such, the Coburg High School Council, like most other school councils in the state, requests that parents make a contribution to allow the school to deliver the programs and services to our students that meet community expectations. Your contribution enables the school to purchase a variety of resources to provide the best possible education for your child.

1. Essential Student Learning Items

These include consumable materials for Arts and Technology subjects, our Home Group program, Physical Wellbeing program, Student ID card, photocopy credit, and access to essential software programs used in classes.

2. Optional Education Items

Items in this category are beyond the provisions of compulsory curriculum and are offered on a 'user pays' basis with the expectation that if families choose to access them that the fee will be paid in full. The Optional Education Items include camps, excursions, incursions, school photographs, debating, interschool sport programs, subject based competitions in Maths and Science, participation in musical productions, overseas tours etc. Costs for these will be advised during the year in the lead up to the activity.

3. Voluntary Contributions

We seek your support with contributions to:

- **The CHS Building Fund**—this is a voluntary tax deductible contribution. School Council has called on these donations to undertake building works and purchase of additional items and installation of infrastructure.
- **The CHS Library Fund**—this is also a voluntary tax deductible contribution to expand the resources in our new library.

A quality learning experience and environment requires continual investment. Through both state funding and voluntary contributions from families we have renovated learning spaces and upgraded our new library and wellbeing centre. We ask that you contribute to the voluntary contribution as it helps greatly to enhance the services that we can provide. **Please note:** Voluntary Contributions charges do not appear on your family statement. They may be paid via the Compass Parent Portal or by cash or credit card.

Payment Methods

2021 Parent Payments can be paid through Compass Pay, which is our preferred method of payment, or by BPay, direct deposit, credit card (over the phone or at our main office) or cash.

Financial Support for Families

Coburg High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulties and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
- State Schools Relief
- Assistance in accessing local community support agencies and grants
- Flexible payment plans (including instalment payments).

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact **Sally Boyd**, Business Manager, on 9353 1700.

Yours Sincerely

Stewart Milner
Principal

Sara Webb
School Council President



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Family financial contributions are essential in maintaining the quality of the school's wide-ranging academic and co-curricular programs for students. The school council is conscious of the cost to parents of services and facilities provided by CHS and we keep the charges to a minimum. Here we have provided an explanation of the charges to help understand the costs involved for your child's education.

Essential Student Learning Items:	Amount
Subject contributions and items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student ID cards and photocopy credit ● Locker hire and maintenance ● Art and Technology consumable resources and materials (i.e. art paper, drawing materials, paint, wire, lino, food ingredients) ● Physical wellbeing program (including whole-school Athletics, Swimming and Memberships) ● Home Group program and Year Level Student Support consumables & activities ● ICT curriculum licence (i.e. Jamf, Oliver) ● Curriculum based guest speakers ● Curriculum based resources provided to students in lieu of textbooks 	\$30 \$25 \$80 \$85 \$90 \$65 \$15 \$95
Total:	\$485
Optional Educational Items: Costs advised through the year Items provided in addition to the standard curriculum program on a user-pays basis – e.g. camps, excursions, incursions and interschool sport programs (CSEF can be used by eligible families for these), school photographs, debating, subject based competitions in Maths and Science, participation in musical productions, overseas tours etc. Costs for these will be advised during the year in the lead up to the activity. These items are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. The costings for the major year level camps (which include all transport, meals and accommodation) are as follows:	
Year 7 Camp Year 8 Camp Year 9 Tour of Tasmania	\$385 \$385 \$810
Voluntary Items: Tax Deductible Donations – Building Fund/Library Fund Donations directly enhance the learning environment through upgrades to facilities and furniture and improvements to building and grounds.	

Support for Families

For convenience, the **2021 Essential Learning Items** can be paid in several ways. Please see the back of this form, or to discuss alternative arrangements and the range of available support options – please contact our Business Manager, Sally Boyd on 9353 1700.

Thank you for supporting Coburg High School.