



13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Heywood & District Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2023.

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, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Please find attached, Heywood & District Secondary Colleges' voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2024, which includes an overview of what your contributions will go towards.

Your support of our school will help us to offer more subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the upgrade of our technology devices and assist us to provide vital materials and consumables for classes.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of recommended contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Kelly Webster".

Kelly Webster  
Principal

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Alysia Sanderson  
School Council President

# H&DSC Curriculum Contributions

## Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum, including:

- Computer applications where our students have their own individual password – at Heywood & District Secondary College we use Xuno and Edrolo
- Everyday items that your child will use in the classroom to learn the essential curriculum such as art supplies, science experiment equipment, cooking ingredients, technology materials, school owned devices

## Other Contributions

Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Heywood & District Secondary College.

## Extra-Curricular (Optional) Items and Activities

Heywood & District 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. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

## Educational items for students to own

Please find attached a booklist of items from Campion (Warrnambool) that the school recommends for each individual student. These can also be purchased from your own choice of supplier.

## Financial Support for Families

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

- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the school office (03) 5527 1303.

## Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Heywood & District Secondary College. Payment can be made electronically via BPAY. Please telephone the College for your unique Biller Code.

Alternatively, cash and eftpos payments can be made directly at Heywood & District Secondary office.

# Heywood & District Secondary College

## 2024 Curriculum Contributions Schedule

Year level	Subjects	Description of charges	Total Cost
Year 7	English Mathematics Humanities Art Material Studies Science PE Food Technology	Paint, textas, paper, glue etc., photocopying, Xuno, Online fees, School owned devices,  Wood, nails, etc Chemicals Pool admission Food consumables	\$210
Year 8	English Mathematics Humanities Art Material Studies Science PE Food Technology	Paint, textas, paper, glue etc., photocopying, Xuno, Online fees, School owned devices, wood, nails, etc, chemicals, pool admission and food consumables	\$210
Year 9	English Mathematics Humanities Art Careers Science	Paint, textas, paper, glue etc. pool admission, Online fees, Xuno, School owned devices and Chemicals	\$210
Year 10	English Mathematics Humanities Art Careers Science	Paint, textas, paper, glue etc. pool admission, Online fees, Xuno, School owned devices and Chemicals	\$210
Year 11	Chosen elective charges as attached	Edrolo, Xuno, School owned devices and class materials	\$50
Year 12	Chosen elective charges as attached	Edrolo, Xuno, School owned devices and class consumables	\$50

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## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School Magazine (Tharunka) School Diary Interschool Sports Camps and Excursions	\$23

### Year 9/10 Electives

Hospitality	\$120
Paddock To Plate	\$120
Food For life	\$120
Seed to Spoon	\$120

### Adventure Bound and Outdoor Education

- Excursions and camps costs

### Year 11 & 12 Electives

Food Studies 1 & 2	\$120
Food Studies 3 & 4	\$120

# 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.