

5 November 2021

Dear parent/guardian,

Fitzroy High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Fitzroy High School's voluntary financial contributions for Year 9 in 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, whether that's 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 wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; the opportunity for students to achieve their preferred individual pathway beyond school; enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet; and the upgrade of our facilities.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,



Linda Mitchell
Principal



Ralph Saubern
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
|--|---------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student ID Card • Subject specific materials and equipment - English, Mathematics, Humanities, Languages, Science, Arts, Performing Arts, Technology, Food Studies, Health and Physical Education • Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT - devices owned by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance, and server/system costs • Excursions, incursions and guest speakers to meet core curriculum study requirements. | \$280 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Sports Victoria membership • Student and parent communication tools - Compass • Enhanced student support - careers planning, lunchtime clubs, language conversations, tutor programs • Enhanced wellbeing support - wellbeing programs, school counsellors, mental health practitioners • Lockers/locker maintenance • Engaging staff through local payroll - artists in residence, coaches, mentors, additional wellbeing and learning support staff • School grounds maintenance and improvements • First aid and hygiene costs • Use and upkeep of specialised facilities on campus - gym and fitness studios, music facilities, maker spaces, lunchtime clubs | \$59 |
| Total Amount | \$339 |

| Tax deductible contributions | |
|---|--|
| Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. <i>(insert amount if you wish to make tax deductible contributions)</i> | |
| Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. <i>(insert amount if you wish to make tax deductible contributions)</i> | |
| Total tax deductible contributions <i>(if you wish to make tax deductible contributions)</i> | |

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Fitzroy High School 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.

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 by 10 December 2021.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount | Purchase (Please tick) |
|--|---------|---------------------------|
| Interschool Sports program | \$20 | |
| Private music lessons Enrol here | \$1,580 | |
| Camps and excursions to be scheduled | TBA | |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | | \$ |

Total

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

Educational items for students to own - Booklist

A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Champion booksellers for your child to individually own and use can be found at the address below. This includes online text resources that can only be purchased from Champion, the preferred booklist supplier (access to these resources is provided to students by the school). All other items can be sourced from alternative suppliers.

How to access and make your order online-

Year 9 Booklist www.champion.com.au use **GX4H** as the code

Orders placed by 17 December are delivered free to your home between 5th and 25th January 2022.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief Committee
- flexible payment arrangements for voluntary and other contributions

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Ross McDonald Ph: 03 9488 1900 Email: rossm@fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au

Payment methods

Direct Deposit – funds may be credited to our school bank account. It is essential that you include your **Family Code** (*same as your Compass id*) or **Student Name and** a brief description of what the payment is for e.g. “*BAR0002 Essential Items*”, “*WIL0023 Year 7 Camp*”, “*Will Smith Essential Items*” etc.

Bank Australia BSB 313 140 Account Number 12078730

In person or by phone - using cash, cheque or EFT including credit cards. Please bring this form when making payment.

Compass – Compass Course Confirmation allows you to pay online by credit card. Payment may be made in full or by establishing a payment plan of ten equal payments concluding on 5 September 2022.

The link to the payment is via Course Confirmation which is posted at the top right hand side of your Compass home page. See instructions over.

Credit card payment form – you may choose to return this form to the General Office – single use only – details are securely shredded after first use.

Please take payment from the following card

Card Type Visa / MasterCard (Please circle selected card type)

Card Number _____

Card Expiry Date ____ / ____ CCV Number ____ ____ ____ (last 3 digits on signature line)

Full Name on Card _____

Amount to be debited \$ _____

Cardholder’s Signature

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.