FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL

5th November, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Fitzroy High School for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Fitzroy High School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Tijana Trebus, 03 9488 1900, Family.accounts@fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 03 9488 1900. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL 2027 Year 7-8 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	$600	$ [parent to complete]

Tax-deductible voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary - Building fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support renovations and upgrades of school infrastructure	$200.00	$ [parent to complete]
Voluntary - Library fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support library maintenance and enhancements	$150.00	$ [parent to complete]

Extra-curricular items and activities

Fitzroy High School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs
- Class photos
- social events like formals.

We have provided confirmed or indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below.

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made now or later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost	Confirmed cost (where known)	Parent/carer to select
Year Level Camp - *Variable cost per activity*		**TBD**	
Private Music Lessons – Enrolment for 2027 Instrumental Music Program can be done through Compass.		**$1600**	
Other Incursions and Excursions scheduled - *Variable cost per activity*		**TBD**	
Interschool Sports Program 2027 – *Variable cost per activity*		**TBD**	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities			

Learning materials for students to own

Booklist items:

You can choose to buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier.

Fitzroy High School has an arrangement with the following supplier for the materials that you can buy: Campion

If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis. If you wish to buy items through the supplier, please go to: www.campion.com.au

If you would like to buy items to own that are not from this supplier, you can contact Campion for information about editions of textbooks and/or calculator specifications that will be used.

Digital devices:

Fitzroy High School uses digital devices to support learning. You are able to buy or lease a device for your child to own. If you do not buy or lease a device, your child will be provided with access as they need for their learning, but it may not be one-to-one, to take home, or to keep.

The minimum specifications required for a digital device are:

- Microsoft Windows 11 or Apple Mac OS 13 or later
- Intel Core CPU
- Minimum of 8GB of system memory (RAM)
- Minimum 128GB SSD
- 12+ inch screen
- Supports 802.1x a/b/g/n/ac wireless networks
- 6 hours or more of battery life

The digital devices our school recommends:

Windows:

Lenovo 500w 2-in-1 Gen 5 - 12.2" N150 8GB 128GB $814 inc GST

Asus BR1402C Expertbook - 14" Non Touch, Core i3-N305 8GB 256GB $978 inc GST

Apple:

Apple Macbook Neo - 13", 8GB, A18 Pro $899 inc GST

You can also purchase a device meeting these specifications from any other retailer. Department of Education recommended retailers are JB HiFi education, Learning with technology (LWT) and Apple education.

Financial help for families

Fitzroy High School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms -** delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- **Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**
- **Student Support Fund –** The FHS Student Support Fund exists to provide financial assistance to students for essential school resources, equipment and extra curricular activities. This assistance is available to FHS students in years 7-12 and is granted by the school on an “as needs” basis where family financial hardship is demonstrated.

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact:

Tijana Trebus, Finance Officer

Ph: 03 *9488 1900* | Email: Family.Accounts@fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au

Payment methods

If you want to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can:

- decide when to make each contribution
- choose the amount of each contribution.

Compass

Access the Payments Centre at the top right of your parent portal. This allows you to pay online by credit card.

In person or by phone

Pay by cash or card at the office or over the phone – 9488 1900. Please bring this form if making payment at school.

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 / Master Card (Please circle selected card type

Card Number _____ _____ _____ _____

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

Name on Card _____

Amount to be debited $_____

If you would like to pay for extra-curricular items and activities through instalments, please contact:

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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 of Education's Parent Contributions policy and guidance, Financial Help for Families policy, and any other relevant information.

Parent Contributions policy

Information for families

FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.

FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided from home, schools must provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.

Schools must publish their Parent Contributions arrangements on their school website, along with a link the department's Parent Contributions policy.