



Dear parent/carer,

## **YEAR 8 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2022**

Wyndham Central College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions voluntarily made, together with the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school is able to offer the best possible educational experience and support for our students. We thank you for your continued support, as this will make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has enabled us to provide a wide selection of subjects and specialised curriculum; enhance digital learning opportunities which are strengthened by a dedicated information technology system; deliver a comprehensive educational experience for your child in a conducive environment; improve the school grounds and facilities; expand the sport equipment/spaces and clubs available to students during break times; together with offering a rewards program for students who demonstrate our School Wide Positive Behaviours and values.

The college also offers outstanding facilities that support student learning in subject areas such as food technology, woodwork, art and STEM. This is nestled in large grounds that accommodate many sporting fields including rugby, soccer, cricket, table tennis and basketball centres, along with passive and relaxing spaces.

Wyndham Central College is the first Australian school to be awarded the title of Highly Certified AVID School. The Advancement Via Individual Determination program delivers to students' explicit academic tools and strategies needed to succeed at university using the WICOR framework, and entry into tertiary education by our students has a proven success rate.

Students therefore require the appropriate learning resources and by financially supporting curriculum costs to enhance their experience, together with supplying your child with textbooks or laptop and eBooks you will ensure the educational outcomes required to be part of the future, and global citizens in the community.

Enclosed with this document is a one-page overview on the Department of Education and Training's Parent Payment Policy, details related to the purchase of laptops from Learning with Technologies and the booklist from Champion Education.

For further information on the Department of Education and Training's Parent Payments Policy please visit <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>.

Yours sincerely,

Leanne Gagatsis  
Principal

Anthony Monaghan  
School Council President



| <b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>    | <b>Amount</b>                                  |
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| <b><i>Year 8 Digital Device (applicable if your child has a Wyndham Central College laptop from the prior year)*</i></b> | \$320 GST inclusive                            |
| <i>Year 8 Education Pack</i>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Planner</li> <li>• AVID Binder</li> <li>• AVID Books</li> </ul>         | \$ 12<br>\$ 35<br>\$ 20                        |
| <i>Year 8 Online Subscription</i>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book (research application)</li> </ul>                                    | \$ 3   |
| <i>Year 8 Classroom Consumables, Materials and Equipment</i>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Textiles</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>                    | \$ 10<br>\$ 20<br>\$ 40                        |
| <b>Total Amount</b>  | <b>\$140 or<br/>\$460 with digital device*</b> |

| <b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|---------------|
| <i>Locker/Lock Hire and Maintenance</i>                              | \$ 30         |
| <i>School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements</i>                   | \$ 30         |
| <b>Total Amount</b>  | <b>\$ 60</b>  |

### **Educational Items for Students to Own**

Attached is a list of items that the college recommends you purchase from the following providers for your child to individually own and use:

- **Learning with Technologies** – three different laptops have been made available for purchase that can be configured to work with the school information technology system (via a Managed Bring Your Own Device program), along with multiple options for accessories, insurance/warranty, and payment that suits your needs. (\*Applicable if you do not have a WCC laptop from the prior year).
- **Campion Education** – the booklist provides the option to purchase eBooks (digital textbooks) or hard copy textbooks, class items and stationery.

### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Wyndham Central 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, such as musical instrument hire/tuition and subject based excursions. These are provided on a user-pays basis.



| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities                         | Purchase<br>(Please tick) | Amount |
|---|---------------------------|--------|
| <i>Year 8 Musical Instrument Hire/Tuition (\$50 per term)</i> |                           | \$200  |
| <b>Total Amount</b>   |                           | \$     |

### Financial Support for Families

Wyndham Central College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- a confidential meeting with the Business Manager
- other assistance can be discussed in a confidential meeting with our Student Wellbeing area

For a confidential conversation about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Administration to arrange a meeting.

Ph: 03 9741 4911 | Email: [wyndham.central.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wyndham.central.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

Please calculate the total of each of the categories above for which payment will be made.

| Category   | Total |
|--|-------|
| Curriculum Contributions (i.e. *\$460 with digital device) | \$    |
| Other Contributions (i.e. \$60)                            | \$    |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities                      | \$    |
| <b>Total Amount</b>  | \$    |

### Payment Methods

- Cash
- EFTPOS
- Compass payment portal
- BPAY (details provided upon request)
- Centrepay

### 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.

Wyndham Central College prefers to pay directly into your nominated bank account, or if the amount is under \$50 families may decide to have this refund as a credit left on their account.

# 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.