

Dear parent/carer,

#### YEAR 12 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

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 2024.

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 has made 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 their educational outcomes required to be part of the future and global citizens.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Leanne Gagatsis Anthony Monaghan

Principal School Council President



<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 12 Education Pack  • College Planner  • AVID Books	\$ 12 \$ 20
Year 12 Online Subscription  • World Book (research application)	\$ 3
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$ 35

<b>Curriculum Contributions –Subjects</b> – consumables, materials and equipment that students use in their chose electives	Amount
Year 12 Subjects (if applicable)	
Art Making and Exhibiting	\$ 20
AVID Binder	\$ 40
Food Technology	\$150
Visual Communication and Design (VCD)	\$ 25
Wood Technology (Product Design)	\$100

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

#### 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 our Managed Device
  program), along with multiple options for accessories, insurance/warranty, and payment that suits
  your needs.
- **Campion Education** The booklist offers learning resources to be purchased such as textbooks (print and digital), class items and stationery.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Wyndham Central College offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum, such as musical instrument hire/tuition and subject/program based excursions.



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 12 Musical Instrument Hire/Tuition (\$100 per semester)	\$200
School Yearbook	\$ 20

#### **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)
- State Schools' Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- other assistance can be discussed in a confidential meeting with our Student Services and Wellbeing team

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

Ph: 03 8744 8900 | Email: wyndham.central.sc@education.vic.gov.au

#### **Payment methods**

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

#### **Payment**

Please complete the attached payment summary page and return to the Administration Office (if not using the Compass payment portal).

#### **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 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 left as a credit 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 requirements of the
  Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education
  (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.



### YEAR 12 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024 – PAYMENT SUMMARY

Calculate the total of each of the categories above for which payment will be made

Office use:

Please complete and return to the Administration Office (if not using the Compass payment portal)

Student Code:	Payment Method: C	ash EFTPOS	BPAY Centrepay		
Family Code:	Details/Date:		·		
Student Name:					
Parent/Carer Name:					
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Signature:	Date:				
Curriculum Contributions	Tick	c if paying	Amount		
College Planner			\$ 12		
AVID Books			\$ 20		
World Book (online research application)			\$ 3		
Total Curriculum Contributions			\$		
Curriculum Contributions - Subjects	Tick	c if paying	Amount		
Art Making and Exhibiting			\$ 20		
AVID Binder			\$ 40		
Food Technology			\$150		
Visual Communication and Design (VCD)			\$ 25		
Wood Technology (Product Design)			\$100		
Total Curriculum Contributions - Subjects			\$		
Other Contributions	Tick	c if paying	Amount		
Locker/Lock Hire and Maintenance			\$ 30		
School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements			\$ 30		
Total Other Contributions			\$		
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Tick	c if paying	Amount		
Musical Instrument Hire/Tuition (\$100 per semes		1 7 0	\$200		
School Yearbook			\$ 20		
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities			\$		

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**Total Amount**