



Dear parent/carer,

## **YEAR 8 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2026**

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 2026.

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 a laptop and textbooks, 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 Champion Education.

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

Yours sincerely,

Leanne Gagatsis

Principal

Anthony Monaghan

School Council President



<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<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 \$ 45 \$ 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>• Textiles</li> <li>• Wood Technology</li> </ul>	\$ 30 \$ 15
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$125</b>

<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Locker/Lock Hire and Maintenance</i>	\$ 30
<i>School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements</i>	\$ 30
<b>Total Other Contributions</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 (LWT)** – four 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, warranty insurance, and payment that suits your needs.

Alternatively, students can bring a device purchased outside of the LWT Managed Device Program – refer to the '2026 Device Programs' information sheet for the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program specification requirements.

- **Campion Education** – The booklist offers learning resources to be purchased such as textbooks, 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
<i>Year 8 Football Development Program (Soccer)</i>	\$200
<i>Year 8 Musical Instrument Hire/Tuition (\$100 per semester)</i>	\$200
<i>School Yearbook</i>	\$ 25

### Financial Support for Families

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

- School Saving Bonus (2025 unspent funds)
- 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](mailto:wyndham.central.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

### Payment methods

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

### Payment

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 8 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2026 – PAYMENT SUMMARY

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

<b>Office use:</b>			
<b>Student Code:</b> _____	<b>Payment Method:</b>	Cash	EFTPOS
<b>Family Code:</b> _____	<b>Details/Date:</b>	BPAY	Centrepay

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Carer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Curriculum Contributions	Tick if paying	Amount
College Planner		\$ 12
AVID Binder		\$ 45
AVID Books		\$ 20
World Book (online research application)		\$ 3
Textiles		\$ 30
Wood Technology		\$ 15
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>		<b>\$</b>

Other Contributions	Tick if paying	Amount
Locker/Lock Hire and Maintenance		\$ 30
School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements		\$ 30
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>		<b>\$</b>

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Tick if paying	Amount
Football Development Program (Soccer)		\$200
Musical Instrument Hire/Tuition (\$100 per semester)		\$200
School Yearbook		\$ 25
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

<b>Total Amount</b> Calculate the total of each of the categories above for which payment will be made	<b>\$</b>
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