

Dear parent/guardian

Somerville Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the college's 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 are voluntary under the categories of Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions. However, under the category of Extra Curricular, please be aware that charges are provided on a user-pays system to enable us to enhance and broaden student experiences.

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.

As can be seen over the last few years, we have invested heavily in our college facilities, and in our staff and students. We continue to do this as we truly believe our students deserve the best possible opportunity to thrive and pursue their wide range of passions in state-of-the-art facilities as they move through our college and onto the next chapter of their lives.

We have also invested heavily in extra-curricular activities and wellbeing programs, as we know the importance of supporting students with their physical and mental health. This has never been more important as we move into the future, after the past eighteen months.

Even though the categories of Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions are voluntary, any extra funding we receive enables us to provide the best possible opportunities for our students.

Somerville Secondary College is an inclusive school where every child is supported and provided for. Your support has allowed us to create this environment in our college and the resources required.

As we head into the future, we will continue to build our state-of-the-art educational program and the resources required to operate at this level. Your continued support will allow us to provide the latest programs and equipment as we move forward.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please refer to the Department of Education (DET) parent payments one-page overview on this website.

Yours sincerely,



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