

Subject Costs 2025

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

- Somerville Secondary College, like all government schools, ensures students have access to the items, activities, and services to fulfil standard curriculum requirements. This includes instructional curriculum materials and equipment required for theory-based learning activities across learning areas and may include items such as: poster/coloured paper, food, chemicals, and materials to conduct practical activities/learning tasks which support the program.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES – USER PAYS

- User-pays contributions may be requested for additional curriculum instructional materials, items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students that are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the curriculum. This may include student materials for practical aspects of the course which students will own/consume/for home use.
- These items are provided on a user-pays system. Unfortunately, students will be unable to access these extra-curricular items and activities if these contributions are unpaid.
- Many electives attract extra-curricular, user-pays contributions for materials, activities, camps and/or excursions over and above the standard curriculum which should be considered in selecting subjects for next year.
- Where student elective/subject choices incur a cost for extra-curricular items and activities- which are those items, activities or services that are essential to support student learning of the standard curriculum - payments are requested to be made within the reasonable timeframe indicated by the college.

- To support families in planning for these contributions, the College offers payment options via credit card and Centrepay (Centrelink).
- Payments can also be made via Compass Pay.
- Please contact the office if you require further information on payment options and plans.

Other family support includes:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is an initiative of the Victorian State Government to assist families holding a valid concession card. CSEF provides a single payment to schools for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions during the year. An application form is included in enrolment and re-enrolment packs and are distributed to parents each year.
- State Schools Relief (SSR) may assist families in providing uniform, books, shoes and more. Please contact our Wellbeing team for more information or to make an appointment to discuss assistance available.

VET Program

VET fee arrangements for 2025 have not been advised as yet. Further information will be provided once costs are confirmed.

Department of Education and School Council Financial Policy Documents can be found on the school website:

- *Department of Education (DET) Parent Payments (one page overview).*
- *Department of Education (DET) Parent Payment Policy.*
- *Year level Statement of Charges, School Council Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions.*

For further information about school costs and parent payment contributions:

- Department of Education: <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-costs-and-fees>
- Somerville Secondary College website: <https://www.somervillesc.vic.edu.au/child-safety/college-documents/>

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Curriculum Item	Breakdown of Costs	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items	Total
Sporting Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students are encouraged to attend our sporting opportunities as a participant or to support their house. Novelty events are included as an option for participation. 	-	\$40.00	\$40.00
Affiliations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Sport Victoria Affiliation fee. 	-	20.00	\$20.00
Online Subscriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compass Access (\$15), Library Systems (\$5), IT Security & Support (\$80) 	-	\$100.00	\$100.00
Printing and Photocopying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials. 	-	\$50.00	\$50.00
Somerville Curriculum Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the College purchasing equipment & items that enhance the programs offered at the college. 	-	\$120.00	\$120.00
First Aid Equipment		-	\$20.00	\$20.00
Enhanced Wellbeing Support		-	\$20.00	\$20.00
State School Relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Schools Relief (SSR) may assist families in providing uniforms, books, shoes and more. 	-	\$20.00	\$20.00
Library Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to support book purchases & other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. 	-	\$20.00	\$20.00
Building and Grounds Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. 	-	\$40.00	\$40.00

VCE Units

VCE Unit	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost for Curriculum & Extra Curricular contributions	Pay as you Go Events - Paid at time of Event via Compass	Pay as you go - Compass Events
Art making and Exhibiting Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopying of work booklets (not general copying) (\$30) • Basic materials or instructions to make item • Items for teacher instruction to make the lessons run. • Materials for making products that will be taken home. (\$80) • Breakdown of basic materials • Paper, Cardboard and Canva • Digital printing of final designs 	\$30.00	\$80.00	\$110.00		
Art making and Exhibiting Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopying of work booklets (not general copying) • Basic materials or instructions to make item • Items for teacher instruction to make the lessons run. (\$30) • Materials for making products that will be taken home.(\$80) • Breakdown of basic materials. • Paper, Cardboard and Canvas • Digital printing of final designs 	\$30.00	\$80.00	\$110.00		
Biology Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class materials: Supplies required for learning activities (Eg Poster Paper, coloured paper)(\$5) • Practical Activities: Chemicals and materials to conduct practical learning tasks. (\$45) 	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00		
Biology Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class materials: Supplies required for learning activities (Eg Poster Paper, coloured paper) (\$5) • Practical Activities: Chemicals and materials to conduct practical learning tasks. (\$45) 	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00		

Business Management Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials to run the program. (\$10) • White, exam, butcher, and various coloured poster paper for activities • Additional post-it notes and index cards, as needed • Area of Study Booklets x 4 - (\$8) 	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00		
Business Management Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials to run the program. (\$10) • White, exam, butcher, and various coloured poster paper for activities • Additional post-it notes and index cards, as needed • Area of Study Booklets x 4 - (\$8) 	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00		
Chemistry Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class materials: Supplies required for learning activities (Eg Presentation Paper) (\$5) • Practical Activities: Chemicals and materials to conduct practical learning tasks. (35) 	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00		
Chemistry Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class materials: Supplies required for learning activities (Eg Presentation Paper) (\$5) • Practical Activities: Chemicals and materials to conduct practical learning tasks. (\$35) 	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00		
English Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials to run the program. (\$25) • - White, exam, butcher and coloured poster paper for activities and booklets 	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	Eagle's Nest Theatre Company – Oedipus the King performance and workshop -(\$45)	\$45.00
English Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials to run the program. (\$25) • White, exam, butcher and coloured poster paper for activities and booklets 	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	Eagle's Nest Theatre Company – Oedipus the King performance and workshop -(\$45)	\$45.00

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Food Studies Unit 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ingredients for demonstrations, Recipe cards, poster paper • Printing • Food science consumables e.g. pH paper/ universal indicator, ballons • Materials for planting activities related to the content in Unit 1 outcome 1 and 2 (\$15) • Ingredients for weekly cooking classes making a variety of dishes using a variety of complex processes. • Food for other practical activities including sensory analysis, product analysis, scientific experiments as required in the VCE study. (\$160) 	\$15.00	\$160.00	\$175.00	Online text book (Food studies online) (35) Willum Warrain visit \$70 and Main ridge dairy \$52	\$157.00
Food Studies Unit 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ingredients for demonstrations, Recipe cards, poster paper • Printing • Food science consumables e.g. pH paper/ universal indicator, ballons • Materials for planting activities related to the content in Unit 1 outcome 1 and 2 (\$15) • Ingredients for weekly cooking classes making a variety of dishes using a variety of complex processes. • Food for other practical activities including sensory analysis, product analysis, scientific experiments as required in the VCE study. (\$160) 	\$20.00	\$160.00	\$180.00	Online text book (Food studies online) (\$35) and Main ridge dairy \$52	\$87.00
Health & HD Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		
Health & HD Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		
Indonesian Studies Units 1 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper, materials for flashcards: \$10 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		

Legal Studies Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials to run the program. (\$10) • White, exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities • Additional post-it notes if needed. • Booklets x 4 (\$8) 	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00		
Legal Studies Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials to run the program. (\$10), White, exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities • Additional post-it notes if needed. • Booklets x 4 (\$8) 	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00		
Product Design & Tech Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials for the theoretical aspects of the course. (\$20) CAD software and CAM hardware provision for the theoretical aspects of the course (\$2) • Workshop and Computer Aided Manufacturing materials including acrylics, timbers and prototyping materials. Students will use these to manufacture products. These products will be brought home throughout the course (\$110 per unit = total \$220) 	\$22.00	\$220.00	\$242.00	Excursion to VCE Top Designs (Melbourne Museum) and Melbourne industry	\$40.00
Product Design & Tech Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic class materials for the theoretical aspects of the course. (\$20) CAD software and CAM hardware provision for the theoretical aspects of the course (\$2) • Workshop and Computer Aided Manufacturing materials including acrylics, timbers and prototyping materials. Students will use these to manufacture products. These products will be brought home throughout the course (\$110 per unit = total \$220) 	\$22.00	\$220.00	\$242.00	Excursion to VCE Top Designs (Melbourne Museum) and Melbourne industry	\$40.00
Mathematics General Maths Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials required for learning activities: (\$10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coloured papers (A4 and A3) - Poster papers - Graph papers - post-it notes for collaborative work 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		

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Mathematics General Maths Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials required for learning activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coloured papers (A4 and A3) - Poster papers - post-it notes for collaborative work - Graph papers 		\$0.00	\$10.00		
Mathematics Maths Methods Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials required for learning activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coloured papers (A4 and A3) - Poster papers - post-it notes for collaborative work - Graph papers 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		
Mathematics Maths Methods Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials required for learning activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coloured papers (A4 and A3) - Poster papers - post-it notes for collaborative work - Graph papers 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		
Music VCE 1 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General-use consumables incl. guitar strings, reeds, maintenance, etc. (\$10) 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	Top Class Music Excursion (\$30)	\$30.00
Outdoor & Environmental Studies (OES) Units 1&2 (Yr 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic class materials to run the program. e.g. coloured, poster and butchers paper (\$10) 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	Activities (\$355) eg: surfing, snorkelling, bike riding, camping, rock climbing	\$355.00
Physical Education Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	Activities (\$10) Example Lawn Bowl	\$10.00
Physical Education Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	Activities (\$60) eg: Studio Pilates, IgniteYour Body , Resistance Training Session (\$15) and Circuit Training Session (\$15)	\$60.00

Physics Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) • Resources for experiments (\$10.00) 	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	Luna Park Excursion (\$40)	\$40.00
Physics Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) • Resources for experiments (\$10.00) 	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	Luna Park Excursion (\$40)	\$40.00
Psychology Units 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) • Resources for sensory experiments (\$10.00) 	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00		
Psychology Units 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class materials: Various papers (eg. A4 coloured and Poster paper) and learning materials to complete learning activities. (\$10) • Practical materials: Materials to complete sensory activities. (\$5) 	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00		
Vocational Major - Literacy Unit 1&2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper (\$10) 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		
Vocational Major - Numeracy Unit 1& 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper (\$10) Cooking Ingredients (\$50) 	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	Top Fun Shack (\$20) · Lawn Bowls (\$5)	\$25.00
Vocational Major - PDS Unit 1&2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper and copying (\$15) 	\$10.00		\$10.00	· Cable Park (\$50) · Somerville Recreation Centre (\$20) · General Public (\$15)	\$85.00
Vocational Major - WRS Unit 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper (\$10) • Short Courses: Food Handlers (85) 	\$10.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	· Funky Farm (\$15)	\$15.00
Vocational Major - Literacy Unit 3& 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper (\$10) 	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		

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Vocational Major - Numeracy Unit 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper (\$10) Cooking Ingredients (\$50) 	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	Top Fun Shack (\$20) · Lawn Bowls (\$5)	\$25.00
Vocational Major - PDS Unit 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper and copying (\$15) 	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	Locked in Escape Room (\$50) · Cable Park (\$50) · Somerville Recreation Centre (\$20)	\$120.00
Vocational Major - WRS Unit 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper (\$10) and Short Course: RSA (\$100) 	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	· Barista Course (\$120) - optional	
VCE Systems Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copying (\$5) Repair to equipment (\$5), CAD software (\$5) Cleaning equipment and products (\$2) Design equipment and resources (\$5) - Resources including various materials for manufacturing and prototyping. In addition, this will also include mechanical and electronic components. Students will use these materials and components to create mechanical and electronic systems. Cost per unit \$140. Total Cost \$280. The mechanical and electronic systems will be bought home throughout the course. 	\$22.00	\$280.00	\$302.00		