

SUBJECT COSTS 2026

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.

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 Curriculum Contributions.
- 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-document>

Curriculum contributions costing

Curriculum Item	Breakdown of Costs	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items	Total
Sporting Opportunities	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	School Sport Victoria Affiliation fee.	-	20.00	\$20.00
Online Subscriptions	Compass Access (\$15), Library Systems (\$5), IT Security & Support (\$80)	-	\$100.00	\$100.00
Printing and Photocopying	Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials.	-	\$110.00	\$110.00
Somerville Curriculum Enhancement	Supports the College purchasing equipment & items that enhance the programs offered at the college.	-	\$120.00	\$120.00
First Aid Equipment	Donations to support the purchase of first aid equipment and supplies for students	-	\$20.00	\$20.00
Enhanced Wellbeing Support	Support the delivery of wellbeing programs for all students	-	\$20.00	\$20.00
State School Relief	State Schools Relief (SSR) may assist families in providing uniform, books, shoes and more.	-	\$20.00	\$20.00
Library Fund	Contribution to support book purchases & other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	-	\$20.00	\$20.00
Building and Grounds Fund	Contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	-	\$40.00	\$40.00
Education Perfect	Education Perfect is an online teaching and learning toolkit providing additional resources used in Indonesian.	\$26.00	\$26.00	Paid via COMPASS

VCE Unit Cost Breakdown

Subject Name	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events approved and paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
Business Management Units 1 & 2	Student booklets, and printed learning materials (\$10) VCE Business Management practice assessment tasks and exams (\$20)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00		
Business Management Units 3 & 4	Student booklets, and printed learning materials (\$10) VCE Business Management practice assessment tasks and exams (\$20)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00		
Legal Studies Units 1 & 2	Student booklets, and printed learning materials (\$10) VCE practice assessment tasks and exams (\$20)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	Possible incursions from Monash Street Talk - FREE Monash Law School Model UN – FREE Possible excursion to Supreme and County Courts - Cost of Myki to the city	
Legal Studies Units 3 & 4	Student booklets, and printed learning materials (\$10) VCE practice assessment tasks and exams (\$20)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	Possible incursions from Monash Street Talk - FREE Monash Law School Model UN – FREE Possible excursion to Supreme and County Courts - Cost of Myki to the city	

Subject Name	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events approved and paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
Modern History Unit 1 & 2	Student booklets, and printed learning materials (\$10) VCE assessment tasks and exams (\$20)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00		
Geography Units 1 & 2	Student booklets, and printed learning materials (\$10) VCE assessment tasks and exams (\$20)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	Possible fieldwork excursions, but as this is a new subject offered there are no details at this stage.	
VCE Systems Engineering Unit 1 & 2	Repair to equipment (\$5) CAD software (\$5) Cleaning equipment and products (\$2) Design equipment and resources (\$5) Resources including acrylics, metals, timbers and prototyping materials. Students will use these to manufacture products. \$140.00/unit (\$280) brought home throughout the course.	\$17.00	\$280.00	\$297.00		
VCE Systems Engineering Unit 3 & 4	Repair to equipment (\$5) CAD software (\$5) Cleaning equipment and products (\$2) Design equipment and resources (\$5) Resources including acrylics, metals, timbers and prototyping materials. Students will use these to manufacture products. \$140.00/unit (\$280) brought home throughout the course.	\$17.00	\$280.00	\$297.00		
Product Design & Tech Units 1 & 2	Repair to equipment (\$5) CAD software (\$5) Cleaning equipment and products (\$2) Design equipment and resources (\$5) Resources including acrylics, metals, timbers and prototyping materials. Students will use these to manufacture products. \$110.00/unit (\$220) brought home throughout the course.	\$17.00	\$220.00	\$237.00	VCE Top Designs (Melbourne Museum) and Melbourne industry/university (\$40)	\$40.00

Subject Name	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events approved and paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
Product Design & Tech Units 3 & 4	Repair to equipment (\$5) CAD software (\$5) Cleaning equipment and products (\$2) Design equipment and resources (\$5) Resources including acrylics, metals, timbers and prototyping materials. Students will use these to manufacture products. \$110.00/unit (\$220) brought home throughout the course.	\$17.00	\$220.00	\$237.00	VCE Top Designs (Melbourne Museum) and Melbourne industry/university (\$40)	\$40.00
Music VCE 1 - 4	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$10.00) General-use consumables incl. guitar strings, reeds, maintenance, etc. (\$10.00) Music-making software – Cubase (\$25.00) + Exam Revision (\$25)	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	Top Class Music (\$50.00 - class size dependent)	\$50.00
Music Contemporary Performance Unit 3/4	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$10.00) General-use consumables incl. guitar strings, reeds, maintenance, etc. (\$10.00) Exam Revision Materials (\$25)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	Top Class Music (\$50.00 - class size dependent)	\$50.00
English Units 1 & 2	Basic class materials to run the program. (\$20) White, exam, butcher, and coloured poster paper for activities and booklets Practice Exam papers and response Guides (\$30)	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$50.00		

Subject Name	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events approved and paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
English Units 3 & 4	Basic class materials to run the program. (\$20) White, exam, butcher, and coloured poster paper for activities and booklets and Practice Exam papers and response Guides (\$30)	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$25.00		
Health & HD Units 1 & 2	Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) Revision SAC/Exams (\$25)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00		
Health & HD Units 3 & 4	Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) Revision SAC/Exams (\$25)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00		
Physical Education Units 1 & 2	Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) Revision SAC/Exams (\$25)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00		
Physical Education Units 3 & 4	Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) Revision SAC/Exams (\$25)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00		
Outdoor Environmental Studies (Units 1&2 (Yr 10))	Printing and Class stationary- pens/pencils/poster paper (\$10) Revision SAC/Exams (\$25)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$835.00	\$800	\$800
General Math Units 1 & 2	Materials required for learning activities: Coloured papers (A4 and A3, Poster papers, Graph papers, post it notes for collaborative work, printed trial exam papers \$10 and Practice Exam Papers (\$25)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00		
Further Math Units 3 & 4	Materials required for learning activities: Coloured papers (A4 and A3, Poster papers, Graph papers, post it notes for collaborative work, printed trial exam papers \$10 and Practice Exam Papers (\$25)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00		
Math Methods Units 1 & 2	Materials required for learning activities: Coloured papers (A4 and A3, Poster papers, Graph papers, post it notes for collaborative work, printed trial exam papers \$10 and Practice Exam Papers (\$25)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00		

Subject Name	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events approved and paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
Math Methods Units 3 & 4	Materials required for learning activities: Coloured papers (A4 and A3, Poster papers, Graph papers, post it notes for collaborative work, printed trial exam papers \$10 and Practice Exam Papers (\$25)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00		
Physics Units 1 & 2	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for experiments (\$15.00) VCE practice examinations and SACs (\$25.00)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00		
Physics Units 3 & 4	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for experiments (\$15.00) VCE practice examinations and SACs (\$25.00)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00		
Psychology Units 1 & 2	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for sensory experiments (\$10.00) VCE practice examinations and SACs (\$25.00)	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$40.00		
Psychology Units 3 & 4	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for sensory experiments (\$5) VCE practice examinations and SACs (\$25.00)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00		
Biology Units 1 & 2	Stationary, exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for experiments (\$45.00) VCE practice examinations and SACs (\$25.00)	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$75.00		
Biology Units 3 & 4	Stationary, exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for experiments (\$35.00) VCE practice examinations and SACs (\$25.00)	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$65.00		

Subject Name	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events approved and paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
Chemistry Units 1 & 2	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for experiments (\$40.00) VCE practice examinations and SACs (\$25.00)	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$70.00		
Chemistry Units 3 & 4	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for experiments (\$40.00) VCE practice examinations and SACs (\$25.00)	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$70.00		
Art making and Exhibiting Units 1 & 2	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$15.00) Shared materials incl. stationary, etc. (\$15.00) Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00) Paints and sculptural materials (\$80) Materials for take-home projects (\$80.00)	\$120.00	\$80.00	\$200.00	Exhibition/Gallery (Exhibition visits required by curriculum) (\$50.00)	\$50.00
Art making and Exhibiting Units 3 & 4	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$15.00) Shared materials incl. stationary, etc. (\$15.00) Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00) Paints and sculptural materials (\$80) Materials for take-home projects (\$80.00)	\$120.00	\$80.00	\$200.00	Exhibition/Gallery (Exhibition visits required by curriculum) (\$50.00)	\$50.00
Visual Communication Unit 1 & 2	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$15.00) Shared materials incl. stationary, etc. (\$15.00), Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00) Materials for take-home projects (\$80.00)	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$120.00	Exhibition/Gallery (Exhibition visits required by curriculum) (\$50.00)	\$50.00

Subject Name	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events approved and paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
Food Studies Unit 1 & 2	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 - \$20 Ingredients for weekly cooking classes making a variety of dishes using a variety of complex processes (1 pract per week @ \$8) and Food for other practical activities including sensory analysis, product analysis, scientific experiments as required in the VCE study - \$180	\$20.00	\$180.00	\$200.00	Online textbook (Food studies online) \$35 Yakult factory tour Dandenong studying food processing and manufacturing. \$20 Sky Farm Melbourne \$20 + Myki card Mabu Mabu restaurant Fed Square Indigenous links to Unit1 \$50 + Myki card	\$125.00
Food Studies Unit 3 & 4	Ingredients for demonstrations Recipe cards, Poster paper, Printing, Practice SACs and exams - \$20 and Ingredients for weekly cooking classes making a variety of dishes using a variety of complex processes (1 pract per week @ \$8) Food for other practical activities including sensory analysis, product analysis, scientific experiments as required in the VCE study - : \$180	\$20.00	\$180.00	\$200.00	Online text book (Food studies online) (\$35) and Local Supermarkets no cost	\$35.00
Indonesian Studies Units 1 - 4	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper, materials for flashcards: \$10 Exam Revision Materials \$25	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00		

Subject Name	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-Curricular Items Curriculum	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events approved and paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
Vocational Major - Literacy Unit 1&2	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper and painting materials: \$20	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	End of Year excursion (\$50)	\$50.00
Vocational Major - Numeracy Unit 1& 2	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper (\$20) and cooking class materials: \$50	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	Top Fun Shack (\$30) Lawn Bowls (\$5)	\$3.00
Vocational Major -PDS Unit 1&2	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper, materials for flashcards: \$20	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	Cable Park (\$50) Wheelchair Basketball (\$20) Somerville Recreation Centre (\$20)	\$90.00
Vocational Major - WRS Unit 1 & 2	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper, materials for flashcards: \$10 Food Handlers (\$85)	\$10.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	Funky Farm (\$15) First Aid Course (\$125) - optional	\$140.00
Vocational Major - Literacy Unit 3& 4	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper, materials for painting: \$20	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	End of Year excursion (\$50)	\$50.00
Vocational Major – Numeracy Unit 3 & 4	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper (\$20), materials for cooking class: \$50	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	Top Fun Shack (\$30) Lawn Bowls (\$5)	\$35.00
Vocational Major – PDS Unit 3 & 4	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper, materials for flashcards: \$10 Locked in Escape Room (\$50)	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	Cable Park (\$50) General Public (\$35) Somerville Recreation Centre (\$20)	\$105.00
Vocational Major - WRS Unit 3 & 4	Basic class materials to run the program. RSA Course (\$110)	\$10.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	Barista Course (\$120) - optional	\$120.00