

Year 8

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.somerville.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

Subject Area	Breakdown of Cost	Curriculum Contribution	Extra - Curricular Items Contributions	Total Cost	Pay as you go - Extra Curricular Events paid in Compass	Pay as you GO
ART	Exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$15.00) Shared materials incl. paint, pencils, etc. (\$15.00) Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00)	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$60.00		
Food Technology	Ingredients for demonstrations. Tasting ingredients (e.g. product comparisons shop bought vs homemade, sensory analysis of low sugar / gluten free/ low fat products, fair trade products, vegetarian) Food packaging materials. \$20 Ingredients for weekly practical classes for the semester (average of \$3 per activity) Cost \$70	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$90.00		
Indonesian	Basic class materials to run the program. E.g. coloured poster paper, materials for flashcards: \$10 Food Tasting - Class activity \$5	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00		
Integrated Technology	Repair to equipment (\$5), CAD software (\$5), Cleaning equipment and products (\$2) Design equipment and resources (\$5) Practical materials that the students will use to make products, including wood, metal, plastics and electronic componentry. The finished products will be brought home. (\$50)	\$17.00	\$50.00	\$67.00		
Science	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00) Resources for experiments, e.g. chemicals, dissections (\$20.00)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00		
Music	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)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00		
PE	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$10.00) Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00)	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	Dance Incursions	\$40.00
Health	exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$10.00) Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00)	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00		
Humanities	Materials required for learning activities: (\$10) Exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities.	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00		
Maths	Learning Resource' sheets for units covered in Year 8 - 10 topics will be covered, 25 pages per topic. Materials required for Rich Assessment Tasks/projects (\$10), Coloured papers (A4 and A3), - Poster paper - Graph papers Total Cost = \$20	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00		
English	Basic class materials to run the program. White, exam, butcher, and coloured poster paper for activities and booklets	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00		