



**Year 7 2026
Parent Payment
Contributions Booklet**

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 and extra curriculum 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 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 - this makes 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. 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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES:

Somerville Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).
- State Schools Relief.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Lisa Jansens, Business Manager, 03 5973 1000.

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

Yours faithfully



SARAH BURNS
College Principal

ERICA BRADY
College Council President

YEAR 7 Curriculum Contributions

Subject/Elective	Curriculum Contribution	Extra-curricular Items (User Pays)	Total Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Contribution
Art <i>exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$15.00)</i> <i>Shared materials incl. paint, pencils, etc. (\$15.00)</i> <i>Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00) Materials for take home projects (\$20)</i>	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$60.00
Food Technology <i>Ingredients for demonstrations</i> <i>Tasting ingredients (e.g. unusual fruit and vegetables, sensory analysis activities)</i> <i>Recipe cards, Poster paper, Kitchen garden materials (e.g. seeds, compost etc)</i> <i>Glitterbug resources for food safety</i> <i>Food packaging materials (\$20) Ingredients for weekly practical classes for the semester (average of \$3 per activity) (\$70) = \$90</i>	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
Integrated Technology <i>Repair to equipment (\$5)</i> <i>Cleaning equipment and products (\$2)</i> <i>Design equipment and resources (\$5)</i> <i>Practical materials that the students will use to make products, including wood, metal, plastics and electronic componentry.</i> <i>The finished products will be brought home.(\$50)</i>	\$12.00	\$50.00	\$62.00
Science <i>Class materials required for learning activities. Includes various paper exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$5.00)</i> <i>Resources for experiments; eg. chemicals, dissections (\$25.00)</i>	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
PE <i>exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$10.00)</i> <i>Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00)</i>	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Health <i>exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$10.00)</i> <i>Maintenance Equipment (\$10.00)</i>	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Humanities <i>Materials required for learning activities: (\$10)</i> <i>Exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities.</i>	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Math <i>'Learning Resource' sheets for units covered in Year 7</i> <i>10 topics will be covered, 15 pages per topic (approximated)</i> <i>- Materials required for Rich Assessment Tasks/projects:- Coloured papers (A4 and A3), Poster papers, Graph papers</i>	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
English <i>Basic class materials to run the program.</i> <i>White, exam, butcher, and coloured poster paper for activities and booklets</i>	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Indonesian <i>Coloured poster paper, materials for flashcards</i>	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Music <i>Exam, butcher, white, and coloured poster paper for activities (\$10.00)</i> <i>General-use consumables incl. guitar strings, reeds, maintenance, etc. (\$10.00) and Music-making software – Cubase (\$25.00)</i>	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00
Sub-total	\$222.00	\$165.00	\$387.00

Excursions/Incursions and Camps will be charged on

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (Non-Curriculum Items and Activities)		Total Other Contributions
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compass Access (\$15), Library Systems (\$5), IT Security & Support (\$80). 	\$100.00	\$100.00
Compass Student ID Card Compass / PTV Student ID Card	\$5.00	\$5.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials. 	\$110.00	\$110.00
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
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
New College Bus Contribution to support the college's purchase of a new school bus.	\$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
Total Other Contributions		\$455.00

Compass Pay “as you go” through the year

Indicative Costs for camps, excursions and Incursions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charged during the year via Compass Pay/Events. - (Note: the costs for these camps, excursions and incursions are additional to curriculum contributions above.) CSEF may contribute to some of these activities - if your child has a CSEF credit balance, the cost of CSEF applicable events/activities will be adjusted accordingly. 	
PE Excursion – Dance Incursions	\$40.00
Science Excursion - Moonlit Sanctuary/ Zoo / Healesville (\$50)	\$50.00
Instrumental Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are offering half price instrumental music tuition throughout the year for students in Year 7 - instead of the full \$400 for the year, we are offering a year of instrumental music tuition for \$200. (\$100 per semester). Complete music enrolment/expression of interest form. 	\$200.00
Year 7 Camp – CYC Cowes, Phillip Island – Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th May 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Camp event will provide further information outlining activities & costs which will also offer payment plans. 	Approximate Cost \$530.00

Payment Plan - Curriculum and Other Contributions	
Category	Total Amount Owing
Curriculum Contributions/ Extra Curricular Items	\$387.00
Other contributions	\$455.00
Total Charges for 2026	\$842.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS TO COVER CURRICULUM AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Payment options available commencing **28 November 2025** (via Compass). The college will be utilising the Compass Billing module for payments. The Parent's Guide to Compass Billing is included in this booklet.

- \$842.00 to be paid in full on 28 November 2025.
- \$168.40 equals 5 Monthly instalments commencing 28 November 2025.
- \$84.20 equals 10 fortnightly instalments commencing 28 November 2025.
- \$42.10 equals 20 Weekly instalments commencing 28 November 2025

NOTE: If you do not wish to use Compass Billing, please contact the office on 5973 1000 to discuss alternative payment options.

REFUND POLICY

- Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on 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. This applies in all circumstances including illness with a medical certificate.
- Any refund requests must be made in writing.
- Advice regarding refunds will be provided once all supplies have been paid and reconciliations have been completed. Please note that this could take approximately 30 days.
- The Refund Policy was endorsed by school council in February 2025.

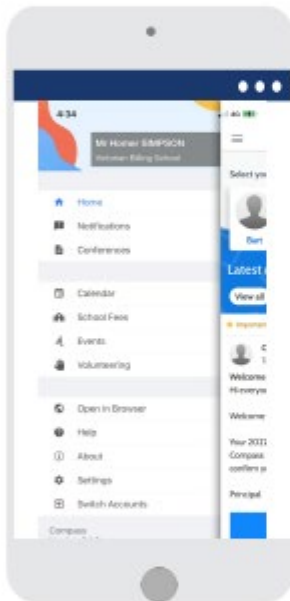
A Parent's Guide to Billing

A step by step guide to take you through paying your school contributions through the Compass App or Browser.



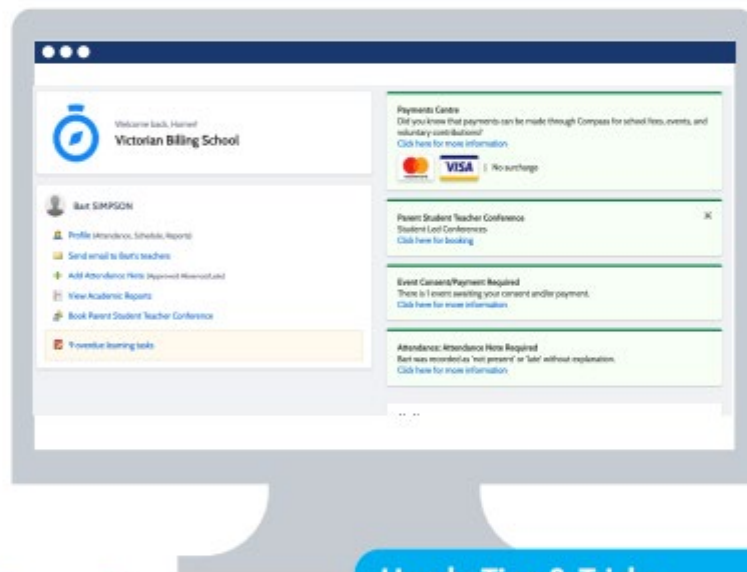
Compass App

- ✓ Click the 'Payment Centre' Banner on your Home Page & select School Fees



Web Browser

- ✓ Select 'School Fees' from the 3 Bars / Side Menu



Goodbye cash handling!

The Compass Payments Centre allows you to pay anytime, anywhere - reducing foot traffic and contact in the school office.



Handy Tips & Tricks

- ✓ You can access your payment history via Cog icon > My Payments.
- ✓ All transactions will send a receipt to your email.
- ✓ Access your Events & School contributions all in the one place.
- ✓ Chip away at your fees, whenever suits you.
- ✓ Choose from a number of instalment options

A Parent's Guide to Billing

Complete your Contributions

Each contribution/payment will detail whether this is a standard or donation fee, and can be adjusted, to chip away at each amount.

You'll always be able to access Payments Centre, so you can come in and pay again at any time, anywhere.



SCHOOL FEE
2022 School Payments

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Our Parents and Carers,

High School is proud to offer a range of exemplary curricular and co-curricular programs to students across the school. While the majority of resources available are either already being, or about to be, used in our classrooms, we are also looking for ways to ensure that we have the best possible learning environment for our students. We are looking for ways to ensure that we have the best possible learning environment for our students. We are looking for ways to ensure that we have the best possible learning environment for our students.

Parent Payment Policy

The Department of Education and Training (DET) Parent Payment Policy provides advice on the different types of payments that schools may request from parents and carers. This policy is designed to ensure that schools are transparent in their payment practices and that parents and carers are able to understand the reasons for any payments requested. This policy is designed to ensure that schools are transparent in their payment practices and that parents and carers are able to understand the reasons for any payments requested.

Financial help arrangements

High School offers a range of support for students who are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to make the parent payment. We will also provide a range of support for students who are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to make the parent payment. We will also provide a range of support for students who are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to make the parent payment.

Course Confirmation

We use parents and carers to confirm enrolment through the course confirmation process by Monday 16 November 2021 via the online portal. The Principal and the Business Manager are available to you with a discussion via further supporting payment. The High School Curriculum Manager and Health Care are also available to you.

Parent Payment Summary

Item	Amount (AUD)	Total
Curriculum Costs	500	\$500.00
Library Donation	200	\$200.00
Building Donation	100	\$100.00
Food Technology	80	\$80.00
Building Fund	190	\$190.00

2022 School Payments

Course Confirmation

We ask parents and carers to confirm enrolment through the course confirmation process by Monday 16 November 2021 via this online portal.

The Principal and the Business Manager are available if you wish to discuss any matters concerning payment. The High School Council relies upon and thanks you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Principal

Item	Amount (AUD)
Curriculum Costs	500
Library Donation	200
Building Donation	100
Food Technology	80
Building Fund	190

Next

Choose your Payment Method & process payment

Once you're happy with the amount chosen, you can choose to pay in full or via instalments.

You'll see the instalment options set up by the school - with the relevant dates and charges. This will direct debit your card on those given dates.

Payment Method

New credit card

Card number: **** *
Exp: **/**

Full name: _____
City: _____

Save this card

Payment

Total of all charges (inclusive of discounts)	\$2,100.00
Less amount already paid	-\$700.00
Balance	\$1,400.00
Amount to pay	\$320.00

Pay in full now
 Pay in instalments

Four Payments

Your card will be billed on these dates:

Due on 15 November 2021	\$80.00
Due on 15 December 2021	\$80.00
Due on 15 January 2022	\$80.00
Due on 15 February 2022	\$80.00

Process

We use CompuPay.com as our payment processing gateway. In clicking the relevant "Confirm and Pay" button on the right, you agree for your credit card to be charged by CompuPay.com on behalf of your school. You understand that the amount charged will be the "Total Due" or amount indicated to the right. Refunds for cancelled orders will be made to your CompuPay Balance regardless of original method of payment. This payment and use of this website is in alignment with the CompuPay School Manager terms and conditions of use available at <http://compu-pay.com.au/privacy>.

Confirm and Pay

Payment

Total of all charges	\$1,000.00
Less amount already paid	-\$500.00
Balance	\$500.00
Amount due	\$1,070.00

Pay in instalments

Four Payments

Your card will be billed on these dates:

Mon, 15 Nov 2021	\$287.50
Wed, 18 Dec 2021	\$287.50
Sat, 15 Jan 2022	\$287.50
Tue, 18 Feb 2022	\$287.50

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PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

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.

