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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

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 you can make to support the College for 2027.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for their generous voluntary contributions to our school. Your support has made a real difference, transforming how our students experience curriculum, by enabling us to purchase new equipment and resources across a range of curriculum areas and have helped enhance learning experiences for our students. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

To further support families Somerville Secondary College does not require families to purchase textbooks in Year 7-10. Rather, these are provided through bespoke resources for each class.

Somerville Secondary College offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction and provided to all students at our school, under the category of Extra Curricular items and activities. 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

Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Lisa Jansens, Business Manager on 03 5973 1000.

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

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 03 5973 1000. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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