

Year 8 Parent Payment Arrangements 2023

Dear parent/guardian,

Eltham High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Eltham High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, 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 you support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

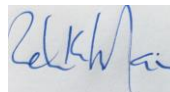
Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions detailed herewith for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,



Vincent Sicari
Principal



Rebekha Naim
School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 8 Student ID Card	\$10
Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$35) Science – chemicals (\$15) Tech – wood, metal, food (\$125) Health and Physical Education - equipment (\$15) 	\$190
Year 8 ICT Devices – provision and upkeep of school devices and ICT	\$15
Year 8 Guest Speakers	\$15
Year 8 Involve / Pastoral Care	\$20
Year 8 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials (in lieu of textbooks)	\$40
Year 8 Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$15) Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$15) 	\$30
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Vic & District Sports Affiliation Fees	\$15
Student Services Contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced student wellbeing program First Aid equipment and provision of first aid attendant Locker Hire and Locker maintenance School wide student and parent communication tools 	\$90-\$150
Use and upkeep of specialised facilities on campus - ie gym equipment	\$20-\$100
Eltham High School General Contribution: <i>This allows for the employment of our Maintenance team, as well as additional equipment, materials and resources for the Library and other areas of the school to enhance the learning environment and student outcomes. While this is a voluntary contribution, we do ask you to contribute, as it does greatly add to the enhancement of the services that the school can provide.</i>	\$150-\$300
Tax deductible contributions	
Building Fund: <i>School Council has called on these donations to undertake building works, building maintenance, purchase of major capital items and installation of infrastructure e.g. to support improved ICT delivery throughout the school. This work is generally not funded through the State Government budget process.</i>	\$150-\$300

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<p><i>Much has been achieved with improvements to school facilities. Building Fund contributions have been put to good use with the installation of cooling to many parts of the school, installation of shade sails in the Canteen Courtyard, upgrading of learning spaces and most recently, helping with aspects of multiple building projects.</i></p> <p><i>There is still more to be done and your tax deductible contribution will assist us with this ongoing work. We will continue to improve many facilities in the school in order to provide the best possible learning environment and experience for our students.</i></p>	
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from third party providers for your child to individually own and use.

Educational Items for students to own	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
PE Uniform: Shirt, Shorts and Cap available from external provider	\$18-50 per item	
Text Books: available from North of the Yarra	Per book list	
One to One device Program: available from JB HiFi Solutions	\$1870 - 2400	

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Eltham High School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities for Year 8	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Combination Padlock <i>We recommend purchase of combination padlock from the school as the supplier provides us with a record of all combinations allowing sub-school staff to assist your student should they forget their combination.</i>	\$15	
School Magazine - Mercury	\$25	
TOTAL		\$
Optional sporting activities and excursions scheduled throughout 2023. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year <i>Details and payment via Compass Events</i>		To be confirmed prior to individual Events
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

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Financial Support for Families

Eltham High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief
- assistance in accessing local community support agencies and grants
- flexible payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Jacinta D'Avoine – Revenue Administrator

Ph: 03 9430 5118 | Email: accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Payment Methods

2023 School Approved Contributions are available to pay on Compass and is Eltham High School's preferred method of payment.

Refunds

The School must ensure that the provision of any activity for students does not incur a cost directly on the School and that the activity does not run at a loss. When students withdraw from an activity after payment has been made to the School for all or part of the activity, a refund may be applied for in line with this policy.

- All refunds must be applied for in writing, other than when the School cancels an activity.
- Parents/families/guardians must apply for a refund no later than 14 days after the activity taking place including the reason the student did not attend.
- A refund will be considered in light of the viability of the activity for other students being compromised and/or the School being financially disadvantaged as determined by the Principal.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.