



## 2023 Parent Payment Arrangements – Year 8

Dear Parent/Carers,

Glen Eira College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Glen Eira College'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 and we thank you for your support. The amounts we are requesting for year 8, 2023:

- Curriculum Contributions of \$270
- Other Contributions including facilities \$175
- Building Fund \$50

Your contributions support our ability to meet the diverse need of our students, and to ensure our teaching staff are equipped with great materials and facilities to run programs successfully.

Within our school this support has allowed us to:

- Provide high quality learning programs and subject-specific materials across the curriculum
- Win the 2021 The Age Schools that Excel Award, in recognition of strong academic growth across the college
- Support all students to achieve the best results possible as reflected in our VCE outstanding academic results
- Additional programs we can offer because of your contributions include instrumental music, productions, concerts, art shows, house sports competition, as well as over 30 lunchtime clubs and activities
- Optimise the texts for students – fiction and non-fiction
- Provide online digital subscriptions to enhance learning
- Complete the upgrade of our sports oval
- Upgrade outdoor seating and enhance landscaping
- Rejuvenate classrooms, including new carpet and painting
- Upgrade and improve our IT technology to enhance learning opportunities

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

Yours sincerely,

Sheereen Kindler  
Principal

Stephen Loyer  
School Council President



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<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Subject consumables, classroom materials and activities</b>	
<b>Digital technologies</b> – provision and upkeep of specialist school devices, peripherals, software, and system support	\$100
<b>Health and Physical Education</b> – equipment	\$10
<b>Printing and photocopying</b> of worksheets and learning materials	\$50
<b>Science</b> – laboratory equipment and materials	\$15
<b>Student resources</b> – student planner & ID card	\$25
<b>Art</b> – materials including high-cost consumables	\$20
<b>Food Technology</b> – ingredients including high-cost consumables and upgrade of equipment	\$30
<b>VCD</b> – materials including high-cost consumables	\$20
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$270</b>

<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
First aid equipment	\$10
Locker Hire	\$30
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50
Sports affiliations – School Sport Victoria and Beachside Network	\$15
Student wellbeing programs	\$70
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$175</b>

<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure – suggested	\$50



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### Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

Educational items for students to own	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party provider
Digital Device – Chromebook	CompNow
Textbooks	Campion
Online Digital Resources including Education Perfect and Mathspace	Campion

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Glen Eira College offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year and will be available on our parent portal for approval and payment.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 8 School Camp – price estimated to be \$390	
Instrumental Music Lessons – price dependent on instrument	
Interschool Sports Program – estimated to be \$20 per sporting event; usually once per term	
Other Excursions to be scheduled- the cost of these excursions will be provided as they occur	
Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals – estimated to be \$10; separate event on Xuno for permission and payment	
Other Incursions to be scheduled – the cost of these incursions will be provided as they occur	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	

### Financial Support for Families

Glen Eira College 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 (SSR)
- 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:



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### Total

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$
(Tax-deductible)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Payment methods

Xuno Portal, BPAY, Cash, Credit Card in person or over the phone.

Please contact the school if you are interested in flexible contribution arrangements.

### Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a 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, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

# 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

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.