



Glen Eira College

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2026 Parent Payment Arrangements – Year 8

Dear Parent / Carer

As Glen Eira College prepares for another inspiring year of teaching and learning in 2026, we want to take a moment to thank you for the ongoing support and partnership from our families. Your generosity plays a crucial role in helping us create a high-quality academic, social and physical environment where all students can thrive.

We would like to advise you of Glen Eira College's voluntary 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. We do however rely on these contributions to enable us to enrich programs, upgrade facilities and ensure our school continues to deliver an enhanced environment in which to learn, grow and achieve.

The year 8 2026 contributions are:

- Curriculum Contributions of \$400
- Other Contributions including facilities \$200
- Building Fund \$100

Your contributions directly enable us to

- Provide high quality learning programs and subject-specific materials.
- Support students in achieving outstanding academic results, reflecting our recent VCE successes.
- Offer diverse programs such as instrumental music, productions, concerts, art shows, house sports competitions, as well as over 30 lunchtime clubs and activities
- Expand our library and digital learning resources, giving students meaningful choices to deepen their learning.
- Continue vital upgrades to our facilities. Previous upgrades include our sports oval, shade sails, outdoor seating and modern learning spaces.
- Create vibrant, rejuvenated classrooms and improve IT infrastructure for future-ready education.
- Solar Panels project moving us to be a net zero school via our Building Fund.

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

Thank you for being part of this community, for your consideration and for the many ways you help us shape a supportive, modern and inclusive educational experience for our students.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Thornton
Principal

Lance Voges
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Subject consumables, classroom materials and activities	
• Art – materials including high-cost consumables	\$30
• Food Technology – ingredients including high-cost consumables	\$45
• Health and Physical Education – equipment	\$20
• Science – laboratory equipment and materials	\$25
• Visual Communication Design – materials including high-cost consumables	\$30
• Printing and photocopying – worksheets and learning materials	\$70
• Student resources – student planner & ID card	\$30
• ICT – provision and upkeep of specialist school devices, peripherals, software, and system support including Compass	\$150
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$400

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid equipment	\$20
Locker – hire and maintenance	\$30
Sports affiliations – School Sport Victoria and Beachside Network	\$25
Whole School Student wellbeing programs	\$75
School grounds maintenance	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$200

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure – suggested	\$100



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Educational items for students to own

Below 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 rd Party provider
Digital Device	BYOD
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	Estimated Amount	Amount
Year 8 School Camp	\$380	
Instrumental Music Lessons – price dependent on instrument	TBC	
Interschool Sports Program – cost per term; usually once per term	\$45	
Other Incursions to be scheduled – the cost of these excursions will be provided as they occur	TBA	
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Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country Carnivals; separate event on Compass for permission and payment	\$30	
2026 Gecko yearbook	\$40	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		



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Financial Support for Families

Glen Eira College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

Government Assistance Programs

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) which provides payments for eligible students to attend Camps, Sports and Excursions. For application and more information about CSEF visit here: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund) Please submit the completed form to glen.eira.co@education.vic.gov.au.
- State Schools' Relief (SSR): A not-for-profit organisation that improves the lives of disadvantaged Victorian Students and families. The program covers costs for uniforms, shoes, books and more. Applications are managed and processed by the school.

Second-hand school items:

- College second-hand uniform shop run by parents

College Support

- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- For families identified as experiencing financial hardship, some items may be available to loan
- Scholarships – please visit our website to view the scholarships that are available
- Local community supports (Wellbeing Team can provide further information)

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

Gabrielle Darvell

Ph: 03 9571 7838 | Email: gabrielle.darvell@education.vic.gov.au

Total

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



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Payment methods

Compass 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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

Any donations to our Building Fund are non-refundable.

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 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.