

Auburn High School

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14th November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we prepare for another exciting year of teaching and learning at Auburn High School, we would like to share information about our parent payment process for 2026.

The ongoing support of our families continues to make a real difference in what we can offer our students. Each year, voluntary contributions help us provide high-quality learning resources, well-maintained facilities, and engaging programs that benefit all students. While parent payments are voluntary, if every family contributed their Year Level Fee, we could deliver significant upgrades across the school to further enhance the environment for teaching and learning.

The cost of running a school has increased in recent years, and your contribution directly supports classroom consumables, equipment, and resources that ensure every student benefits from a well-resourced and stimulating environment. Your support helps us maintain the high standards that make Auburn High School such a vibrant and successful learning community.

In 2025, your contributions enabled us to complete the upgrade of classroom projectors and install new whiteboards across all learning spaces. Looking ahead, we are planning to begin our Wellbeing Hub project and construct the pathway between the main and senior buildings - two initiatives that will strengthen both our facilities and our focus on student wellbeing.

We encourage families to pay their 2026 Year Level Fee and, where possible, consider contributing to our tax-deductible Building and Library Fund. Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps us create an even better school for our students.

Please see the attached overview of the Department of Education's Parent Payments Policy for further information.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making Auburn High School a place where every student can thrive.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Pritchard
Principal

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School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 9 Student ID Card	\$10
Year 9 General classroom materials & equipment (materials for English, Maths, languages, Art, Science, HPE classroom stationery, paper)	\$300
Year 9 Provision and upkeep of School Devices & ICT (School devices, class sets, servers/system costs, device reconfiguration, maintenance)	\$60
Year 9 Photocopying and Printing for students (Classroom resource printing, tests, workbooks, exam practice materials and trial exams)	\$150
Year 9 Assessments (Standardised tests, revision packs, external exams)	\$110
YEAR 9 2026 CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION TOTAL	\$630

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria Affiliation (Membership with School Sports Victoria)	\$60
Enhanced student support (learning support programs, mentoring, homework clubs, school counsellors, mental health practitioners)	\$30
Enhanced Wellbeing Support (wellbeing programs, school counsellors, mental health practitioner)	\$85
First Aid & Hygiene Costs (first aid consumables to treat students and meet student health needs when at school, on excursion or camp)	\$50
Student and Parent Communication Tools (compass, newsletter, Facebook)	\$50
Lock and Locker Maintenance	\$25
Engaging staff through local payroll (Casual Relief Teachers, coaches, additional well-being and learning support staff, PE and excursion support, exam supervisors, maintenance)	\$100
Use and upkeep of specialised facilities (gym equipment, music room, portables hired by school)	\$50
YEAR 9 2026 OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL	\$450

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Other Contributions – Tax-Deductible Contributions (DGR)	Suggested Amount
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$300
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and digital platforms other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$300
Total Amount	\$600

Educational items for students to own

Booklist - Please see the Year 9 booklist for textbooks and items the school recommends you purchase from Campion for your child to own and individually use.

Laptop – Laptops can be purchased through the [LWT portal](#) or BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). Before proceeding with purchase please refer to the [Parent Student Laptop Information](#). Both parent and student will be required to read and sign this agreement. You are also required to read and sign the parent/student laptop information agreement.

Auburn High School 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. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (User Pays)	Amount
Year 7-9 French Binational Program (FBN)	\$3030
Year 7-9 French Partial Immersion Program (FPIP)	\$580
Year 7-9 SEAL	\$500
International Baccalaureate Program	\$4500
Instrumental Music Program	
- Individual per semester	\$700
- Group per semester	\$400
- Ensemble (non-IM participants)	\$100
CHASE Basketball Program	\$1725 new \$1639 returning

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Sport Education – off site or school-based sport participation	\$25
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Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested curriculum contributions are essential to maintain the quality of education we provide at Auburn High School. Parents are strongly encouraged to contribute to these funds listed through Compass.

Our preferred payment method is via the Compass Portal, through the Payment Centre on your dashboard.

Payments can be made at the office or over the phone via EFTPOA. Payments can be made in full or in recurring payments.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefflyer.pdf>
- Education Chances Scholarship Program (Applications via AHS Wellbeing)
- State Schools Relief (uniform) <https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/>
- AHS Second-hand Uniform Shop (onsite)
- Payment plans for all payments to school including extracurricular items and activities
- Sustainable Schools <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>

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

Joanne Hayes, Business Manager Ph: **03 9822 3247** | Email: joanne.hayes2@education.vic.gov.au

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.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in the Victorian Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), including VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate. F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to contribute financially 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 the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities related to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden students' schooling experience 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 financial hardship arrangements in place to support families who cannot pay for items or activities, so their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) with parents can have a confidential discussion regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.