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## Year 8 Parent Contributions 2026

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Dear parent/guardian,

Auburn High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Auburn High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. 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.

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.

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

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

Leo Pappas  
School Council President

## Year 8 Parent Contributions 2026

| <b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum                           | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Student ID Card</b>                                                                                                                          | \$10          |
| <b>General classroom materials &amp; equipment</b> (materials for English, Maths, languages, Art, Science, HPE and classroom stationery, paper) | \$300         |
| <b>Provision and upkeep of School Devices &amp; ICT</b> (School devices, class sets, servers/system costs, device reconfiguration, maintenance) | \$60          |
| <b>Photocopying and Printing for students</b> (Classroom resource printing, exams, workbooks)                                                   | \$100         |
| <b>Assessments</b> (Standardised tests, revision packs, external exams)                                                                         | \$110         |
| <b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>                                                                                                           | <b>\$580</b>  |

| <b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities                                                                                             | <b>Amount</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>School Sports Victoria Affiliation and other sport memberships</b>                                                                                            | \$60          |
| <b>Enhanced student support</b> (learning support programs, mentoring, homework clubs)                                                                           | \$30          |
| <b>Enhanced Wellbeing Support</b> (wellbeing programs, school counsellors, mental health practitioner, Wellbeing Hub)                                            | \$85          |
| <b>First Aid &amp; Hygiene Costs</b> (first aid consumables to treat students and meet student health needs when at school, on excursion or camp)                | \$50          |
| <b>Student and Parent Communication Tools</b> (Compass, newsletter, Facebook, website)                                                                           | \$50          |
| <b>Lock and Locker Maintenance</b>                                                                                                                               | \$25          |
| <b>Engaging staff through local payroll</b> (Coaches, additional well-being and learning support staff, PE and excursion support, exam supervisors, maintenance) | \$100         |
| <b>Use and upkeep of specialised facilities</b> (gym equipment, music room, portables hired by school)                                                           | \$50          |
| <b>Total Other Contributions</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>\$450</b>  |

| <b>Tax deductible contributions</b>                                                                                                                                 |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.                                     | \$300 |
| <b>Library fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and digital platforms other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. | \$300 |

## Year 8 Parent Contributions 2026

### Educational items for students to own

Please review the Booklist for textbooks and items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion Education for your child to individually own and use.

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

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.

Camps and excursions will be available on Compass prior to the event. Payment will be due 3 days prior to the event taking place.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities              | Amount                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| SEAL                                               | \$500                                          |
| French Binational Program                          | \$3030                                         |
| French Immersion Program                           | \$580                                          |
| Instrumental Music Program                         |                                                |
| - Individual per semester                          | \$700                                          |
| - Group per semester                               | \$400                                          |
| - Ensemble (non-IM participants)                   | \$100                                          |
| CHASE Basketball Program                           | \$1725 New players<br>\$1630 Returning players |
| <b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b> | <b>\$</b>                                      |

### 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 our Business Manager, Trent Adams | Email: [trent.adams@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:trent.adams@education.vic.gov.au)

## Year 8 Parent Contributions 2026

### Total

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

### Payment methods

Our preferred payment method is via the Compass Portal, through the Payment Centre on your dashboard. Payments can be made in full or in recurring payments.

### 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 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.