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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Viewbank College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Viewbank College's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

School councils can only request payments from parents under three categories: Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items and Voluntary Contributions.

Viewbank College makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Viewbank College has spent considerable time selecting the most appropriate requisites to meet the need of our students.

No student will be treated differently, denied access or refused instruction to the standard curriculum program for not making a payment or voluntary contribution

Please find the fee schedule for all year levels attached.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>
- State Schools Relief
Please contact the Viewbank College Student Wellbeing team
- Saver Plus Program
<https://www.anz.com.au/about-us/sustainability-framework/financial-wellbeing/saver-plus/>
- A Start in Life Program
<http://www.astartinlife.org.au/>
- Good Shepherd Microfinance
<http://goodshepherdmicrofinance.org.au/services/no-interest-loan-scheme-nils/>
- Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS) runs a Back to School Program aimed at supporting low income families in need of financial assistance with education expenses. This program is available to families who live in the Banyule City Council area and have an address showing on their Centrelink card in one of the following suburbs: Briar Hill, Bundoora (part of), Eltham North (part of), Greensborough (part of), Lower Plenty, Montmorency, St Helena and Watsonia. Further information is available at www.dvsupport.org.au

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact the Business Manager, Kathleen Hannan on 9458 2811 or viewbank.co@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

- *Compass (full payment or payment plan)*
- *BPAY*
- *Cash/Credit Card/EFTPOS*

Refunds

All Camps, Excursions and Incursions are fully self-funded.

- Excursions and Incursions at the College will not be refunded in the case of absence or withdrawal.
- Camps – In the case of illness, a partial refund may be possible if the camp provider allows a reduction in costs to the College. A written request for a refund is required from a parent together with a medical certificate to support the request.

To discuss further, please contact Kathleen Hannan (Business Manager) by emailing kathleen.hannan@education.vic.gov.au

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

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Grimes
Principal



David Green
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE –

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Viewbank College also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

All Essential Student Learning Items and Optional items will be listed on your Compass Parent Portal six weeks prior to the end of the school year.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. If parents and guardians choose to provide the equivalent materials, this should be done in consultation with the school, as items should meet the specification provided by the school. There may also be certain items that due to their nature may only be provided by the school.

Essential Student Learning Items						
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Art (specialist paper, paint, pastel, ink, charcoal, clay)	25					
Drama (paper, masking tape, paint, felt pipe cleaners, other craft items)		10				
Edrolo (VCE ** on-line study program for curriculum delivery)					100	100
Food for Health (cooking ingredients)		85				
Health/PE/Humanities (Real Lives: You Are The World subscription)	6					
Humanities (Y7&8 paper, paint, wood, wire, plaster; Y9 food items for meal challenge)	20	20	20			
Materials Design (wood, metal plastic, fabric)		20				
Overlay Program (7-10 workbooks, food & craft items Y11&12 online subscription)	15	15	15	15	5	5
Science (Y7 food items; Y8 plasticine, boards; Y9 poster paper; Y10 model rocket)	5	10	5	10		
Student ID card	10	10	10	10	10	10
Stile (online platform for delivery of curriculum)	25	25	25	25	25	25
Swimming & Athletics Carnival (2 days - buses, entrance fees)	20	20	20	20	20	20
Textiles (sewing kit - threads, needles, fabric)	25					
Visual Comm & Design (specialist paper, paint, Sculpey modelling clay, foam core)		20				
	151	235	95	80	160	160
Lock for student locker (GST inclusive)	14					
TOTAL	\$165	\$235	\$95	\$80	\$160	\$160

Year 9 & 10 Electives and VCE subjects and VCE subjects with materials cost

2021 YEAR 9 ELECTIVES – Materials cost

\$

3D Designing, Printing & Making (plastics, wood, metal, paint)	\$ 50.00
Drama (specialist paper, masking tape, paint)	\$ 10.00
Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze (Year) 2 x camps, food, travel, awards	\$ 330.00
Duke of Edinburgh – Outdoor Recreation (6mths) 2 x camps –food, travel, activities	\$ 330.00
Food Whiz (cooking ingredients)	\$ 100.00
Forensic Science (paper, food items)	\$ 5.00
Mask & Make-up (face paint, makeup, moulding materials)	\$ 25.00
Media- Photography & Photoshop (equipment hire & software subscription)	\$ 25.00
Product, Design & Technology -(Wood/Metal/Plastics)	\$ 30.00
Sculptural Ceramics (variable clay, glaze, wire, tape)	\$ 60.00
Textiles – Fashion (fabrics, dyes, paint, craft items)	\$ 30.00
Urban Art (skate deck, sugar spray, fixative, paint, ink, charcoal)	\$ 60.00
Visual Com Design (specialist paper, software subscription)	\$ 25.00

2021 YEAR 10 ELECTIVES - Materials cost

\$

Drama - Street Theatre (Specialist paper, paint, craft items)	\$ 15.00
Emerging Technologies, Systems & Design (plastics, electronic components, wire)	\$ 80.00
First Aid and Coaching (first aid & umpiring courses, first aid supplies)	\$195.00
Food Studies (cooking ingredients)	\$140.00
Media Arts 'Film' (equipment hire, software subscription)	\$100.00
Media Arts 'Social Media & Design' (equipment hire, software subscription)	\$100.00
Outdoor Education (surfing, canoeing, bus, park fees, food)	\$445.00
Product Design & Technology (Wood, Metal, Plastic)	\$ 50.00
Project Runway (fabric, thread, beads, craft items)	\$ 50.00
Studio Art (paints, specialist paper, sculpture materials, inks, lino, inks)	\$ 75.00
Visual Comm Design (specialist paper, paint, balsawood, software subscription)	\$ 55.00

2021 UNIT 1 & 2 - Materials cost

\$

Food Studies (cooking ingredients)	150
Media (equipment hire, software subscription)	150
Product Design & Technology: Resistant Materials	100
Studio Arts (specialist paper, paints, sculptural materials)	150
Systems Engineering (plastics, wood, metal, electronic components)	100
Visual Comm Design (print & craft items, software subscription)	105

2021 UNIT 3 & 4 - Materials cost

\$

Food Studies (cooking ingredients)	150
Media (equipment hire, software subscription)	150
Product Design & Technology: Resistant Materials (wood, metal, plastic)	150
Studio Arts (specialist paper, paint, print making & sculptural items)	150
Systems Engineering (plastics, wood, metal, electronic components)	150
Visual Comm Design (specialist paper, paints, fabrics, sewing items)	105

Optional Items

Viewbank College offers the following optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
College Magazine	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25

Instrumental Music

Instrumental lesson	660
2 nd Instrumental lesson	400
Ensemble only	120
Instrument Hire	330
Individual lesson (as recommended only)	850

Voluntary Contributions

The College Council seeks your support with the following contributions as **together we can make a difference** to the programs, facilities, and services provided at Viewbank College to best support student learning. The amounts allocated to these contributions within Compass are recommendations by the College Council to meet the budget requirements for 2021; however you may nominate any amount against these contributions.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	
<u>VALUE ADDED CONTRIBUTION</u> Wellbeing resources, additional IT support staff, Compass online platform	NO	\$260	Any amount can be entered by parents via Compass.
<u>BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTION</u> Will support additional facility upgrades such as the student toilet blocks and ongoing updates to the learning spaces. College council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund	YES	\$150	Any amount can be entered by parents via Compass.
<u>GENERAL CONTRIBUTION</u> Supports the upkeep of the College gardens, outside seating and student locker areas as well additional classroom resources for the library and other learning areas.	NO	\$100	Any amount can be entered by parents via Compass.

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.