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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 voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

School Councils can only request contributions from parents under three categories: Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.

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. We want to thank you for your support as this has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

In the past, support from our community has allowed the College to purchase sport uniforms and equipment, provide additional Wi-Fi support throughout the school to ensure there are no blackspots in classrooms, provide additional IT technicians to support the onsite servicing of equipment, maintain and update lockers for students, provide outdoor seating around the school, purchase library books and additional resources for student learning and provide building and facility updates to ensure a clean, orderly school, including painting, furniture and air conditioning. This all helps to ensure that the College will continue to provide the high-quality education and development opportunities for all students.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Grimes
Principal

David Green
School Council President

YOUR INVITATION TO MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

All Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities **will be listed on your Compass Parent Portal six weeks prior to the end of the school year.**

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS – items and activities that students use, or participate in to access the Curriculum

Curriculum Contributions						
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Art (specialist paper, paint, pastel, ink, charcoal, clay)	30					
Drama (paper, masking tape, paint, felt pipe cleaners, other craft items)		10				
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)	15	10	10			
Materials Design (wood, metal plastic, fabric)		20				
Launch Program (7-10 workbooks, food & craft items Y11&12 online subscription)	20	20	20	20	20	20
Photocopying (printing & photocopying of worksheets, trial exams & other learning materials)	20	20	20	25	25	25
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
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				
TOTAL	\$151	\$225	\$85	\$85	\$75	\$75

2022 YEAR 9 ELECTIVES – Materials

\$

3D Designing, Printing & Making (plastics, wood, metal, paint)	\$ 50.00
Drama (specialist paper, masking tape, paint)	\$ 10.00
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
Studio Arts (canvas, specialist paints, fixatives, inks etc)	\$ 60.00
Textiles – Fashion (fabrics, dyes, paint, craft items)	\$ 30.00
Visual Com Design (specialist paper, software subscription)	\$ 25.00

2022 YEAR 10 ELECTIVES - Materials

\$

Drama - Devising 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
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

2022 UNIT 1 & 2 - Materials

Food Studies (cooking ingredients)	150
Media (equipment hire, software subscription)	150
Product Design & Technology: Resistant Materials (wood, metal, plastic)	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

2022 UNIT 3 & 4 - Materials

\$

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)	50
Visual Comm Design (specialist paper, paints, fabrics, sewing items)	105

Educational items for students to own

All year level booklists will be available on the College website – this will list the items that the school recommends you purchase from Champion Books (or other book supplier) for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Viewbank College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

2022 YEAR 9 ELECTIVES – Materials

\$

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze (Year) 2 x camps, food, travel, awards	\$ 350.00
Duke of Edinburgh – Outdoor Recreation (6mths) 2 x camps –food, travel, activities	\$ 350.00

2022 YEAR 10 ELECTIVES - Materials

\$

Outdoor Education (surfing, canoeing, bus, park fees, food)	\$445.00
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2022 UNIT 3 & 4 - Materials

\$

Outdoor Education (camps & excursions)	480
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

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

Instrumental Music

Instrumental lesson	680
2 nd Instrumental lesson	450
Ensemble only	150
Instrument Hire	350
Individual lesson (as recommended only)	850

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities

The amounts allocated to these contributions within Compass are recommendations by the College Council to meet the budget requirements for 2022; however you may nominate any amount against these contributions.

Other Contributions	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.

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
<https://goodshep.org.au/services/loans-and-insurance/>
- 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

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.