



2026 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS YEAR 8

Dear parents/caregivers

Sunbury College is looking forward to another great year of delivering high quality education and wellbeing programs for our students in 2026. To support our school in delivering these programs, we would like to advise you of the college's voluntary parent payment arrangements for this year.

Sunbury College School Council makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Your voluntary contributions support our ability to meet the diverse needs of our students, and to ensure we have the materials and facilities to run programs successfully. 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 all your support and valuing education and the opportunities Sunbury College provides.

We invite you to make voluntary contributions as outlined in the fee schedule for Year 8 below.

Financial Support for Families

Sunbury College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty from time to time and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief applications
- an opportunity to make an appointment to discuss circumstances confidentially

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the college business manager, on 03 9744 1066 or sunbury.co@education.vic.gov.au.

Payment Methods

Our invitation to make payments will be available to see on Compass and we are pleased to be able to offer the following payment methods:

1. Compass Pay on line, through the Parent Portal
2. BPAY with relevant reference, please contact the General Office for BPAY details
3. Cash and EFTPOS at the General Office
4. CentrePay – Centrelink deduction. A form can be obtained from the General Office
5. Payment can be made via direct credit. If you would like to use this method the bank account details are:

BSB: 033 222 Account 020 008. Please include your family name and ID as a reference

On our website you will find the Sunbury College Parent Payment Policy in full.

Yours sincerely

Craig O'Bree
Principal

Tracey Ozanne
School Council President



2026 Schedule – Year 8

Please find the itemised list of contributions to student learning that you can make to support education in 2026. Sunbury College also continues to welcome your voluntary tax deductible contributions to our building fund for 2026.

Please note: additional school charges may arise during the year.

STUDENT NAME.....

Curriculum Contributions Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are important for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own where possible.^

Curriculum Contribution items Year 8	Amount
Student Planner Diary	\$27.00
On Line Learning Subscriptions (including -- Wheelers ebook platform – essential for Reading Program)	\$45.00
Student Identification Card	\$12.00
Core Subjects Consumables – cardboard, poster paper, 3D materials, STEM resources, printouts and booklets	\$24.00
Art/Technology Elective – Consumables for subject: specialist papers, watercolours, acrylic paints (chromacryl), graphite pencils, coloured textas and black markers, 3D art materials.	\$57.00
Wood Technology - Consumables for subject: timber, nails, wood glue, dowel, screws, paint, glue, general craft supplies and plastic for 3D printer.	\$53.00
Textiles - Consumables for subject: fabric, patterns, specialist paper, zips, buttons, threads, embroidery.	\$47.00
Printing and photocopying across the eight key learning areas	\$80.00
TOTAL	\$345.00

^Note: Parents may choose to provide or purchase some items themselves. If you choose to do this you must consult with the school so that your child has the right items. There may be some items or services you cannot purchase yourself. All the items listed above cannot be sourced by parents.



Other Contributions

Sunbury College offers a range of other 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Other Contributions Year 8		Amount
Excursions as scheduled throughout 2026. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year. (can use CSEF if eligible)		To be advised
Sports Carnivals contribution		\$25.00
Locker provision and maintenance		\$15.00
Building Fund – School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund suggested amounts \$25.00, \$50.00. You will be issued with a valid receipt letter. This donation supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance to our buildings		
TOTAL		\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Year 8		
Excursions and Interschool Sports as scheduled throughout 2026. The cost of excursions and Interschool Sports will be advised throughout the year. (can use CSEF if eligible)		To be advised
Instrumental Music Tuition – Physical Instrument or voice tuition		\$120.00
Instrument Hire		\$140.00
Camp to Forest Edge, Neerim South. The cost of this camp is estimated \$380.00 (can use CSEF if eligible)		\$T.B.A
2026 Year Book		\$25.00
TOTAL		\$

A synchronised combination lock is provided to all students. However, if this is lost or damaged a replacement lock can be provided for \$15.00.

Refunds

Any 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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

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.

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.