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Dear Parent/guardian,

*Derrinallum P12 College* is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time.

The contributions of families in the past have allowed us to update our texts and readers to reflect current interests and passions of our students, supply materials to develop our mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills, purchase materials to support the creativity and exploration in our Arts and Science programs and ensure that all students have access to equipment to develop active and healthy students. These are just some of the wonderful supports that have been provided to our students to develop their learning and passion for education.

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

Yours sincerely,

Caitlyn Fitzgerald  
Principal

Brooke Greig  
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Year F- 6 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment. Bulk Order</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – Science –</li> <li>• Mathematics – English</li> </ul>	\$30
<p><i>Year F – 6 Curriculum Consumables, materials &amp; Equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEM</li> </ul>	\$50
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics \$15 Years F – 6</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggs \$12 Years F - 4</i></li> </ul>	\$ \$
<p><i>Year 3 – 6 Interschool Sporting Events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Athletics carnival - entry and transport</i></li> <li>• <i>Swimming carnival – entry and transport</i></li> <li>• <i>Cross Country – entry and transport</i></li> <li>• <i>Other sporting Interschool events</i></li> </ul>	\$ TBA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b></li> </ul>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$
<b>Building fund.</b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	
<b>Library fund.</b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>	\$
<b>Total Amount</b>	\$

### Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from *your local stationary outlet* for your child to individually own and use.

Alternatively, you can purchase all your child stationary needs from the school book/stationary store.

Please contact the office if you wish to purchase a stationary pack for your child through the school store.



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### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Derrinallum P-12 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>School magazine/ yearbook</i>	\$ 20	
<i>Optional Year Level school camp</i>	\$ TBA	
<i>Other optional Year Level excursions to be scheduled</i>	\$ TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		\$

### Financial Support for Families

Derrinallum P-12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**  
This provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families that hold a valid concession card are eligible to apply.
- **Derrinallum P12 College Camp subsidy –**  
School Council will subsidise each student from Years 3 – 12 the following amount towards their year level camp:  
Years 3 – 6    \$50    Years 7 – 10    \$60    VCE    \$40
- **State Schools Relief – may cover the cost of new uniforms, shoes etc for eligible students.**

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



Sally Mahony

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## Payment Methods

Payment Options	Explanation	How to set this up
Cash or cheque	Cash or cheques directly to the office in an envelope.	Payment envelopes are available at the office for use.
Direct Deposit to School Official Account	Payment direct to school account using your Reference No. (eg ABC0001 on your statement of account) or name. This can be done as a once off or regularly.	Set up through your internet banking. Pay to: Account: Derrinallum College Council Official A/c BSB: 633000 (Bendigo Bank) A/c : 1533 89853 Add your name or account reference number.
Centrepay (if eligible) 	Centrelink will take payments out of your fortnightly benefit and give it to the school.	You can apply for Centrepay deductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>by completing a Centrepay deduction form (available from the school office);</b> or</li> <li>• online at <a href="http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/centrepay">http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/centrepay</a>.</li> </ul>
Eftpos 	Payment made at the school by using your card.	Come into School office with your card

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

### STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Curriculum Contributions Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contributions Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-Curricular Items & Activities Amount \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.