# **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	Other	Extra-Curricular Items and
Voluntary financial	Contributions	Activities
contributions for curriculum	Voluntary financial	Items and activities that
items and activities which the	contributions for non-	enhance or broaden the
school deems necessary for	curriculum items and	schooling experience of
students to learn the	activities that relate to the	students and are above and
Curriculum.	school's functions and	beyond what the school
	objectives.	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.