

Horsham College



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Seizing opportunities for a better future

Horsham College is a Child Safe School

Dear Parent/Guardian

Horsham College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Horsham College's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

The College Council and school Leadership Team is very proud to be able to continue to provide a high-quality education and experience to our students at a low cost. We understand the additional costs of education in regards uniform, textbooks and IT devices, and will continue to work with families to maintain standards in an affordable manner.

Curriculum contributions are used to directly support;

- subject programs
- our brilliant Student Wellbeing Team
- Student Welfare Programs
- school managed capital works such as the new Music, Arts, Textiles, Engineering and Automotive classrooms.

Schools in Victoria are expected to 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to run a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences such as; SEALP, College Production, AFL & Basketball Academy and Peak Performance programs, College Chaplaincy and Student Wellbeing support.

We want to thank you for all you support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely

MEG WOOLFORD
Principal

BRETT THOMPSON
School Council President

Contribution Schedule – Year 8

Please find the itemised list of Curriculum Contributions and extra-curricular contributions for your child. Horsham College also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2026.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
• Student Diary • Art materials • Home Eco –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta • Science – chemicals • Health and Physical Education - equipment • Woodwork – timber, nails, glue, sandpaper • Year 8 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets • Year 8 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials • Year 8 Whole school events Swimming carnival – entry and transport	\$335
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	
School Counsellor/Student Welfare Program. A voluntary contribution which supports our school counsellors and student welfare program.	
User Pay optional Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School Magazine	\$20
Optional Year 8 Camp – to be confirmed	TBA

Payment methods

Payment can be made:

- Online via QKR
- In Person at Horsham College Administration Office, 310 Baillie Street, Horsham

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (increased to \$400 in 2026 for all health care card holders)
- State Schools Relief

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

Hayley Janetzki - Ph: 03 5381 7100 | Email: hayley.janetzki@education.vic.gov.au

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.

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.