

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS FOR 2017

College Fees & Levies for 2017 will be determined by the Mildura Senior College Council as part of their annual budget process and will be distributed to families 6 weeks prior to the commencement of the 2017 college year. Camps, activities and excursion costs will be confirmed six weeks prior to the event.

The Mildura Senior College Family Payment Policy along with the approved 2017 Mildura Senior College Fees & Levies Schedule will be distributed at the Enrolment Confirmation Sessions and will then be made available on the Mildura Senior College website.

The information in this handbook will enable parents/guardians to make an accurate estimation of the costs associated with the VCE/VCAL/VET course chosen by a student. The College fees and levies schedule is to be used as a guide only.

Parents/Guardians should therefore examine each section of the handbook very carefully before students make their final choices.

TEXT BOOKS AND TEXT PACKAGES

Collins Booksellers Mildura is our school supplier of text books. Costs of texts are indicative only. They may alter costs slightly by the time booklists are issued at enrolment in late November.

Mildura Senior College will make second-hand books available. Students will order these texts at enrolment; they will be packaged and ready to collect in **December 2016**. Second-hand texts will be sold at approximately half the new price and must be paid for when collected.

Students will be provided with a computer generated individualised booklist when course selections are confirmed on enrolment day or evening. These booklists will enable parents/guardians to calculate the overall costs for the course chosen.

All booklists should be forwarded to Collins Booksellers in **December 2016**. **(The exact date will appear on the booklist.)**

N.B. Late submissions may not be ready for collection in January 2017.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

Items or services that are essential to support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program that parents and guardians are responsible for are referred to as essential education items. These items, due to their nature may only be provided by the school. These items include costs incurred and are charged to College families.

Essential Education Items - Include costs associated with materials that the student takes possession of such as VETiS module booklets, exam and subject revision, online subscriptions and other paper-based school learning materials, and art supplies. This charge also includes costs associated with local excursions including transport and entrant's costs.

Material Kits/Project Credits - Materials for learning and teaching where the student consumes or takes possession of the finished articles (e.g. home economics, ceramics, photography, catering);

Camps & Excursions - Compulsory camps and excursions which all students in a particular subject area are expected to attend.

Other Fees – Some subjects may include specific uniforms, or activities to be completed i.e. Hospitality uniforms.

The use of materials is particularly high in two (2) main fields of study within the VCE:

- The Arts (Studio Arts) (Art, Graphics, Media, Drawing and Photography)
- Technology Studies (Food, Textiles, Metals and Wood)

To be successful in these two areas, students will require special materials above what the College can provide in day to day classes. ***Students and parents should make themselves aware of these costs before choosing a particular subject.*** The actual cost of these materials is largely dependent on the folio work or project undertaken by the student. In some instances individual projects may be quite expensive but, in general, the costs would usually be between \$50-\$300. Teachers will be able to direct students to the most appropriate suppliers. Students undertaking Units 3 and 4 in the Arts area should consult with their teacher regarding the necessity to purchase a new kit for 2017.

EXCURSIONS

Compulsory excursions form part of the course work in some studies, including Drama, Music, Textiles, Outdoor and Environmental Studies and Chemistry. The approximate costs of these trips are outlined under each subject concerned and will need to be paid in full before the student participates in the excursions. The costs would generally be between \$50-\$250, however Outdoor and Environmental Studies camp costs can exceed \$500 per year.

STATIONERY

These items may be purchased from any stationery supplier/supermarket. A general stationery list will be provided at the time of enrolment.

ENROLMENT PACKAGE

This package is compulsory and should be paid prior to the commencement of the school year.

Year 11 Enrolment Package **\$ 100.00**

Locker hire, student photo ID card, careers counselling, computer access and College Magazine.

Year 12 Enrolment Package **\$ 150.00**

Includes the above plus tertiary materials, VTAC guide, Year 12 dinner, Year 12 photo, graduation satchel and gown hire.

VOLUNTARY COSTS

1. College Levy

This voluntary levy is charged as a contribution to the building maintenance program within the college

\$ 100.00

COLLECTION OF BOOKS

Collection of books and payments of fees will be undertaken at the College on **Tuesday, 24th and Wednesday, 25th January, 2017.**

PAYMENTS

Payment of fees should be made at the general office and can be made by EFTPOS, cash and cheque. Dates for collection of books and payment of fees will appear on student booklists.

The college recognises that some families may experience financial and economic difficulties at the commencement of a school year after the Christmas period. Payments can be made by BPAY, EFTPOS, cheque or cash. Families will receive a statement of amounts owing before the end of January 2017.

Parents can confidentially approach the College's Business Manager to make individual arrangements for the payment of Essential Education Materials and other requirements at the time of collection and payment for texts. Payment plans can commence at the start of 2017.

Please note: the College cannot make special arrangements for texts as they are the commercial property of Collins Books. Lay-by arrangements can be arranged with Collins Books prior to collection.