



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mildura Senior College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the College's 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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced ICT and digital learning opportunities and maintenance of our College grounds and facilities.

Mildura Senior College will provide families with a personalised subject and contributions list specific to their student's subject selections at enrolment, and this will also be available on request from the front office. The following document contains a breakdown of the details of the Parent Payment Arrangements and we are happy to assist with any questions or enquiries at any time.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Belinda Hudak', written in a cursive style.

Belinda Hudak
Principal

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. This guide includes Suggested contributions for each subject.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Vocational Educational Training (VET)

For 2022, the Department will reimburse VET material fees to government schools to address the cost barrier for families. This funding covers the costs of:

- Materials required for training and assessment that are consumed and cannot be recycled. **Please note students may wish to upgrade materials for certain projects (i.e. upgrade from pine to mahogany). Any upgrade from the materials provided by the College is considered an OPTIONAL ITEM, as per the description above.**
- Safety items worn or used by the student including safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, hair nets.
- Workbooks, handouts, photocopying, online learning resources
- Class sets, intended to be returned and retained by the school, such as tools, tool belts, specialist knives, aprons

However, this funding does not cover all costs associated with the facilitation of VET classes. The payment of the following items are supported by Voluntary Financial Contributions from families, as detailed in the 2022 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE attached:

- Transport costs required for training or assessment
- Safety items retained by the student
- Online registration/subscription fees, platform charges, software
- Tuition fees, registration, and administration fees
- Tools upgrade or purchase initiated by the parent

Educational items for students to own

At the College's Enrolment Evening Parents/Guardians will be provided with a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from a *third-party provider* for your child to individually own and use.

- Textbooks – Collins Booksellers
- Laptops - bring-your-own-device (BYOD) Policy
- School Photos – MSP Photography
- Online resources – Edrolo
- Stationary, Tech & Art kits – Store of your own choice
- Calculator - Store of your own choice

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Mildura Senior 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. A full list can be found on page 10 of the Parent Payment Arrangements. Families will be provided with a personalised breakdown of associated costs once subjects are confirmed at our Enrolment session or upon request.

Additional student activities such as Balls and Tertiary Trips are promoted and payment process shared closer to the event.

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.

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Financial Support for Families

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

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**
- **Chances for Children** - Chances for Children is a fund set up and operated to remove financial barriers for children and young people in the Mallee to achieve their potential. Chances is a locally based fund, established by the local community, and supported both financially and in kind by local individuals and businesses. There are no set criteria to determine the amount of funding awarded; each is decided on a case-by-case basis considering the specific needs of each applicant in relation to their financial and social circumstances. Each application made to Chances for Children is assessed on its individual merits.
Eligibility criteria and application forms are available from www.chancesforchildren.com.au and are to be completed in collaboration with the College's Wellbeing Coordinator. All applications to Chances for Children must provide evidence that all other avenues of funding have been explored and exhausted. All applications are treated as strictly confidential.
- **State Schools Relief** - State Schools' Relief works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Assistance with school items such as uniforms, shoes and other essential items is provided to families. State Schools' Relief only responds to requests from schools. Parents are encouraged to talk to our Wellbeing Coordinator to access your students' needs and eligibility for assistance. For more information go to: <https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/>
- **Instalment payment arrangements** - The College appreciates that there can sometimes be financial difficulties experienced by parents and guardians in meeting requests for payments and contributions. A range of support options and flexible payment options are available to assist parents and guardians in this regard; an application can be made to the College for a suitable payment arrangement.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Jade Jackson, Business Manager on Ph: 03 5021 2911 or email: jacksonj@milsen.vic.edu.au

Payment methods

Families will be invoiced for Extra – Curricular items at the commencement of the school year. Curriculum or other contributions can be made at any time throughout the year. All payments can be made by BPAY, EFTPOS, Cash or by phone. BPAY details will be provided on statements or by contacting the College.

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.

Please refer to the College's *Parent Refund Policy* for further information.

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum <i>This guide includes suggested contributions for each subject.</i>			Amount
Year 11 Learning Resources: (Student Photo ID Card, Printing and photocopying credit, ICT & BYOD Support, Pathways Program - Leaders of Evolution, Careers Counselling,)			<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
Year 12 Learning Resources: (Student Photo ID Card, Printing and photocopying credit, ICT & BYOD Support, Pathways Program - Leaders of Evolution, Careers Counselling, Tertiary Materials, Exam Revision Materials, Graduation satchel)			<input type="checkbox"/> \$200
Subject Area	Units	Description	Suggested Contribution \$
Accounting	Units 1 & 2	Online learning subscription - Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33
	Units 3 & 4	Online learning subscription - Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33
Agriculture & Horticulture	Units 1 & 2	Topic & study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Units 3 & 4	Topic & study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Art	Units 1 & 2	Art supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
	Units 3 & 4	Art supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80
Biology	Units 1 & 2	Prac materials Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Units 3 & 4	Prac materials Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Business Management	Units 1 & 2	Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Units 3 & 4	Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Chemistry	Units 1 & 2	Prac materials Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Units 3 & 4	Prac materials Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Computing	Units 1 & 2		
Computing – Informatics	Units 3 & 4		
Computing – Software Development	Units 3 & 4		
Dance	Units 1 & 2		

	Units 3 & 4		
Drama	Units 1 & 2	Costume / Prop materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
	Units 3 & 4	Costume / Prop materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
Economics	Units 1 & 2	Topic & Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Units 3 & 4	Topic & Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
English as an additional language (EAL)	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4	External Practice Exam Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
English	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4	External Practice Exam Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
Environmental science	Units 1 & 2	Prac materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
		Topic & study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Units 3 & 4	Prac materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
		Topic & study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Food Studies	Units 1 & 2	Food consumables	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
	Units 3 & 4	Food consumables	<input type="checkbox"/> \$270
Global Politics	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Health and Human Development	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
History - Australia	Units 3 & 4	Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
History - Revolutions	Units 3 & 4	Online learning subscription - Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33
History - 20 th Century	Units 1 & 2		
Italian	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Legal Studies	Units 1 & 2	Subject booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Units 3 & 4	Subject booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Languages (VSL)	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Literature	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Maths Further	Units 1 & 2	Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33
		Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
	Units 3 & 4	Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33
		Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Maths Methods	Units 1 & 2	Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33
		Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
	Units 3 & 4	Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33

		Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Maths Specialist	Units 1 & 2	Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
	Units 3 & 4	Online learning subscription – Edrolo Study booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Media Studies	Units 1 & 2	Art supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
	Units 3 & 4	Art supplies Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33
Music performance	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Outdoor & Environmental Studies	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Philosophy	Units 1 & 2	Subject booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
	Units 3 & 4	Subject booklet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
Physical Education	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Physics	Units 1 & 2	Prac materials Topic & study booklets	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Units 3 & 4	Prac materials Topic & study booklets	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Product Design & Technology Metals	Units 1 & 2	Project Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
	Units 3 & 4	Project Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Product Design & Technology Textiles	Units 1 & 2	Classroom consumables & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
	Units 3 & 4	Classroom consumables & materials Project Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Product Design & Technology Wood	Units 1 & 2	Project Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
	Units 3 & 4	Project Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Psychology	Units 1 & 2	Topic & Study booklets	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
	Units 3 & 4	Topic & Study booklets Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33
Religion & Society	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Sociology	Units 1 & 2		
	Units 3 & 4		
Studio Arts - Contemp. Practice	Units 1 & 2	Art Project Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
	Units 3 & 4	Art Project Materials Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33
Studio Arts Photography	Units 1 & 2	Photography consumables & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
	Units 3 & 4	Photography consumables & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50

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		Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33
System Engineering	Units 1 & 2	Subject booklet Project Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50
	Units 3 & 4	Subject booklet Project Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Theatre Studies	Units 1 & 2	Costume / Prop materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
	Units 3 & 4	Costume / Prop materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
Visual Communication	Units 1 & 2	Art Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
	Units 3 & 4	Art Supplies / Project Materials Online learning subscription – Edrolo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70 <input type="checkbox"/> \$33
VCAL Literacy	Foundation	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Intermediate	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Senior	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
VCAL Numeracy	Foundation	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Intermediate	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Senior	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
VCAL Personal Development	Foundation	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
VCAL Work Related	Foundation	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
VCAL Personal Development/Work Related Studies	Intermediate	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
	Senior	Classroom projects & materials	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
VET Active Volunteer Foundation	Year 11		
VET Automotive	Year 1 & 2		
VET Building & Construction – Carpentry	Year 1, 2 & 3		
VET Business	Year 1 & 2		
VET Commercial Cookery (Patisserie)	Year 2		
VET Community Services	Year 1 & 2		
VET Electrical	Year 1 & 2		
VET Engineering	Year 1 & 2		
VET Fitness	Year 1 & 2		
VET Furniture Making	Year 1		
VET Furnishing	Year 2		
VET Hospitality	Year 1 & 2		
VET Kitchen Operation	Year 1		

VET Music Industry	Year 1		
VET Music Industry (Performance)	Year 2		
VET Music Industry (Sound Production)	Year 2		
VET Retail	Year 1		
VET Screen and Media	Year 1 & 2		
VET Cert III in Beauty Services	Year 1 & 2		
VET Cert II in Salon Assistant (Hairdressing)	Year 1 & 2		
VET Cert III in Make-Up	Year 1 & 2		
Certificate III in Allied Health	Year 1 & 2		
Certificate II in Electrical	Year 1 & 2		
Certificate II in Engineering	Year 1 & 2		
Certificate III in Design Fundamentals	Year 1 & 2		
Certificate II in Horticulture	Year 1 & 2		
Certificate II in Motor Sport	Year 1 & 2		
Certificate II in Plumbing	Year 1 & 2		
Certificate II in Rural Operations	Year 1 & 2		
VET Civil Construction	Year 1		

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities <i>This guide includes suggested contributions to support students and school programs.</i>	Amount
Lockers/locker maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Student wellbeing programs e.g. Homework Club, Breakfast Club, Chaplaincy Support	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Student & Parent Communication tools - Compass	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
College grounds maintenance and improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
Total Amount	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities			Purchase
<i>To be invoiced at commencement of school year or when the activity is confirmed. Payment is required to access these items.</i>			(Please tick)
Business Management	Units 1 & 2	ABW (Australian Business Week)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
	Units 3 & 4	Local Excursion - Winery Tour	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5
English as an additional language (EAL)	Units 3 & 4	Theatre Company Performance	<input type="checkbox"/> \$17
English	Units 3 & 4	Theatre Company Performance	<input type="checkbox"/> \$17
Legal Studies	Units 1 & 2	Local Excursion – Court House	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5
	Units 3 & 4	Local Excursion – Court House	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5
Music Performance	Units 1 & 2	Instrumental Music Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
	Units 3 & 4	Instrumental Music Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
Outdoor & Environmental Studies	Unit 1	Local Excursion	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
		Deposit – Coastal Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
		Balance – Coastal Camp (approx. \$410)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA
	Unit 2	Local Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
	Deposit – Mt Gambier Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	
	Balance – Mt Gambier Camp (approx. \$300)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA	
Unit 3	Local Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	
	Deposit – Coastal Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	
	Balance – Coastal Camp (approx. \$410)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA	
Unit 4	Local Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	
	Deposit – Ski Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	
	Balance – Ski Camp (approx. \$450)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA	
Product Design & Technology - Textiles	Units 1 & 2	Deposit – Melbourne Top Design Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
		Balance – Melbourne Top Design Camp (approx. \$270)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA
	Units 3 & 4	Deposit – Melbourne Top Design Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
		Balance – Melbourne Top Design Camp (approx. \$270)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA
Studio Arts – Contemporary Practice & Photography	Units 1 & 2	Local Excursion – Gallery visit	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5

Theatre Studies	Units 1 & 2	Theatre Performances	<input type="checkbox"/> \$68		
VCAL Personal Development	Foundation	Melbourne Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150		
VCAL Work Related	Foundation	Local Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80		
VCAL Personal Development/Work Related Studies	Intermediate	Local Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80		
	Senior	Local Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80		
Arts Program <i>Art</i> <i>Studio Arts – Contemp. practice & Photography</i> <i>Visual Communication</i>	Units 3 & 4	Melbourne Top Arts Trip Students undertaking a Year 12 Arts subject are eligible to apply to attend the Melbourne Top Arts Trip. Limited places are available. Further information will be provided to students closer to the event. A \$50 deposit will be required when applying.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA		
Tertiary Support Program	Year 11 (Yr12's where available spaces)	Melbourne Tertiary Trip Year 12 students are eligible to apply to attend the Melbourne Tertiary Trip. Limited places are available. Further information will be provided to students closer to the event. A \$50 deposit will be required when applying.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA		
		Adelaide Tertiary Trip Year 12 students are eligible to apply to attend the Adelaide Tertiary Trip. Limited places are available. Further information will be provided to students closer to the event. A \$50 deposit will be required when applying.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA		
School Sports Program		Students can nominate to take part in Interschool Sports programs. Note: Committing to an Interschool Sport may involve travel to Regional and State competition depending on success. Costs will vary and be confirmed at time of event. In some instances, there is little time between events, which must be paid for prior to attending.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA		
Year 12 Graduation	Year 12	Graduation Satchel – includes Year 12 DVD & Year 12 Photo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20		
		Year 12 Dinner Ticket	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30		
		Year 12 Ball Ticket School alternate to host the Regions Year 12 Ball. Ticket Price will be confirmed closer to the date.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$TBA		
College Magazine	All students	MSC College Magazine is available in Term 4	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10		
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (Yr11)			\$		
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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Review and Evaluation

New policy effective 2022

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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.