



November 2021

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Elwood College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Elwood College's voluntary contribution 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 Elwood College can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Parent contributions play a critical role in Elwood College being able to provide the quality of educational resources and facilities our students and families deserve and expect – they are a crucial component of Elwood College's operational budget.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2021 allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Language and Physical Education.
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions.
- Provision and/ or replacement of equipment in Art, Music, Science and Sport
- Maintain our bank of standard and high specification computing equipment as well as providing a high level of ICT support to enhance learning opportunities
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment and access to the Community Bank Stadium.
- Provide wellbeing support services for all students via additional staffing and relevant programs.
- Technical upgrade of our theatre for classes, and for performing arts events staged during the year
- Maintain and develop the school grounds.

Elwood College is committed to providing all students with an excellent education. All funds collected are spent on providing our students with the resources and experiences they deserve. While these services and activities remain essential to our operation, from 2022 we are required to seek contributions for these activities from voluntary contributions. We kindly request that you make your contribution through the Compass Portal.

Financial support is available for eligible families through the CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund), State Schools Relief. If you have any queries about our contributions, your eligibility for support or would prefer to pay in instalments please contact Bridget Kosla-Brown at [finance@elwood.vic.edu.au](mailto:finance@elwood.vic.edu.au).

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

Thank you.

Principal

School Council President



## 2022 YEAR 10 PARENT CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

A - Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum. <b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL AMOUNT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 JacPlus Supercourse Online Subscription</li> </ul>	\$45	<b>\$290</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Incursions – E.G. English, Humanities</li> </ul>	\$40	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Visual / Performing Art Program consumables</li> </ul>	\$60	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport Program – Middle School and Whole School Sport events</li> </ul>	\$70	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Printing / Photocopying- Workbooks supplied by school - all domains</li> </ul>	\$50	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student ID card – PTV approved.</li> </ul>	\$25	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locker &amp; Padlock (supplied)</li> </ul>		
<b>B - Additional Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum <b>for STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS SUBJECT IN 2022</b>	<b>PLEASE SELECT IF RELEVANT AND ADD TO ABOVE AMOUNT OF \$290</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Education Perfect Language Subscription – French</li> </ul>		<b>\$40</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Food Tech – Food Science &amp; Paddock to Plate consumables – 20 week program</li> </ul>		<b>\$110</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VCE Food Studies – Units 1 &amp; 2 (Online Food Ed Assist subscription &amp; consumables - standard pantry items, poultry, red meat, organic and regular produce).</li> </ul>		<b>\$220</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VCE Media – Units 1 &amp; 2 Cartridge, coloured &amp; specialist paper (digital), animation clay, pencils, markers, inkjet inks)</li> </ul>		<b>\$100</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VCE Studio Arts – Units 1 &amp; 2 (Art consumables – cartridge paper, markers, oil pastels, canvas, paints – acrylic &amp; watercolour, glazes and various inks)</li> </ul>		<b>\$100</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VCE VCD (Visual Communications &amp; Design - Units 1 &amp; 2 (Paint, Coptic markers, paper – cartridge &amp; specialist, armature wire, clay and other specialist consumables)</li> </ul>		<b>\$100</b>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>C – Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities.	<b>COST PER ITEM</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Wellbeing Support, Programs and First Aid</li> </ul>	\$50	<b>\$335</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICT Support – Hardware support and replacement, fast fibre supply</li> </ul>	\$100	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student &amp; Parent Communication Tools – Compass/ Timetable</li> </ul>	\$50	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Assessment Tools, Whole School Online resources/ Library</li> </ul>	\$35	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment replacement– Science, Sports, Musical Instruments</li> </ul>	\$50	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Grounds and Maintenance Upkeep</li> </ul>	\$50	
<b>D - Building Fund Donation – Fully Tax Deductible</b>	<b>INSERT DONATED AMOUNT BELOW</b>	
<b>Funds raised in 2022 will focus on continued development of the masterplan. Donations will contribute to providing active, passive and creative spaces for our students.</b>		
Suggested amounts - <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500	\$	



E - Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – User Pays	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL AMOUNT
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. You will be invoiced for these items / activities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elwood College Basketball Academy (ECBA) – annual cost               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Player – includes ECBA kit and backpack <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OR</b> \$1565</li> <li>Returning Player – additional uniform items on request <input type="checkbox"/> \$1470</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instrumental Music               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group Tuition per year <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OR</b> \$600</li> <li>Individual Tuition per year <input type="checkbox"/> \$1200</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Curriculum Contributions (A)	\$	
Additional Curriculum Contributions (B)	\$	
Other Contributions (C)	\$	
Building Fund Donation – Fully Tax Deductible (D) – (If applicable)	\$	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (E)	\$	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED = A + B + C + D + E</b>	\$	

### Financial Support for Families

#### Payment methods

Curriculum Contribution payments and Other Curriculum Contributions can be made as part of the Compass Course Confirmation. Contact our Finance Team for flexible contribution options if required via email: [finance@elwood.vic.edu.au](mailto:finance@elwood.vic.edu.au)  
Payment plans are available for extra-curricular items and activities.

#### 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.

#### Curriculum Contributions:

- Fully refundable if paid in the preceding year and the student does not commence at the College
- Pro-rata refund per term/s following student exit date, if fully paid. Student exiting in or at end of Term 1 will be entitled to refund for Terms 2, 3 and 4 if fully paid.
- Contributions will not be refunded once student has commenced Term 4 of academic year. **Other**

#### Contributions:

- Fully refundable if paid in the preceding year and the student does not commence at the College
- No refund if the student has commenced the school year
- Building Fund contributions are non-refundable

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities:

These are a user pay, optional extra so students withdrawing from the nominated extra-curricular activities will not automatically be entitled to a refund. Participation in these programs is for a full academic year. Any request to discontinue participating in the program should be made to the finance team. Refunds cannot be guaranteed once participation in these programs has commenced.

# 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.