



Dear Parent/Caregiver

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2021 – YEAR 8

Elwood College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of its parent payment arrangements for 2021 which have been approved by our School Council.

Please find the fee schedule for Year 8 attached. Please refer to this in conjunction with your child’s chosen subjects as there may be elective subjects which attract an additional user pays cost. Elwood College makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents whilst still delivering an exceptional teaching and learning experience.

Financial Support for Families

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

- *the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) for eligible Health Care card holders*
- *Access to State Schools’ Relief for eligible Health Care card holders*
- *Mutually negotiated payment plans*
- *Instalment options -- 20th November 2020
19th February 2021
21st May 2021
13th August 2021*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Bridget Kosla-Brown at finance@elwood.vic.edu.au

Payment Methods

- *Compass Portal – via Course Confirmation (recommended)*
- *Credit Card – In full or by instalment*
- *Direct Credit to Elwood College Council Official Account*
- *BPay*

For further information on the Department’s Parent Payment Policy please see a one page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Todd Asensio
Principal

Wendy Dunstan
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 8

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Elwood College continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items		Amount
Online Learning Subscriptions – Year 8 Maths Pathway and Education Perfect & Language Resources		\$105.00
Year 8 Swim Program – 8 week compulsory program		\$150.00
English Incursion/ Excursion		\$15.00
Junior School Sport Program & Whole School Sports Program		\$70.00
Food Tech Program – Consumables for 20 week program		\$60.00
Visual Art Program – Consumables for 20 week program		\$30.00
Student ID Card - PTV Approved		\$10.00
Student Printing/Photocopying		\$50.00
Locker & Padlock for Laptop and Mobile Phone Storage (Refer DET/EC Mobile Phone policy)		\$20.00
TOTAL		\$510.00

Optional Items

Elwood College offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below. These are invoiced separately.

Optional Items			Amount
ECBA	Elwood College Basketball Academy 32 week program Refer ECBA information for instalment options. Cost is for New Players		\$1560.00
Instrumental Music Per semester	Individual lessons (Piano, Guitar, Voice, Woodwind, Drums)		\$600.00
Instrumental Music Per semester	Group lessons (Piano, Guitar, Voice, Woodwind, Drums)		\$300.00
College Magazine	Please select if required	YES / NO	\$10.00
TOTAL			\$

Voluntary Contributions

Elwood College welcomes your voluntary contributions In order to provide excellent up to date facilities and resources for our students, While items in this section must be classified as voluntary, they are incredibly important for providing our students with the services and resources our school community expects and deserves. You can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family			Amount
ICT SUPPORT 2021 Contributions towards Computer Technical Support, additional fibre connection costs, computer equipment, software licences, maintenance and repairs	No	\$220.00			
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTION Contributions towards maintenance of the school grounds in order to provide an enhanced student recreational space.	No	\$50.00			
GENERAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION Contributions towards replacement of school equipment and furniture and provision of services not covered by DET funding	No	\$100.00			
BUILDING FUND DONATION Funds raised in 2021 will focus on continued development of the grounds masterplan. Donations will contribute to providing active, passive and creative spaces for our students.	Yes	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	
		\$500.00	\$1000	Other	
TOTAL					\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount _____
Optional Items	Amount _____
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount _____
	TOTAL _____