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PATTERSON RIVER SECONDARY COLLEGE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Patterson River Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary, with Extra-Curricular Items and Activities provided on a user-pays basis.

Patterson River receives very strong voluntary contributions from families which enables the College to provide students with a diverse range of experiences, facilities and resources. Two years ago, we introduced the option for families to make voluntary contributions towards targeted areas that they could select from. This has resulted in a significant increase in contributions over and above normal subject fees which has enabled us to purchase a range of new equipment over the course of the year including:

- Science: DNA Gel Electrophoresis Kits
- Art: Light Boxes
- ICT: Digital Video Camera
- New student toilet block
- Music: Brass instrument upgrade
- Significant contributions to other areas that will roll over into 2023 targeted areas (see below).

We invite parents to consider making contributions towards our new initiatives, some of which are tax deductible.

There are three financial contribution categories to ensure the successful operation and resourcing of our Educational Programs:

Curriculum Contributions – These are voluntary contributions which parents/guardians pay to the school to provide essential support to the standard curriculum program. This payment ensures that the College can offer high quality programs and facilities for all students.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – These items and activities are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program and are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. This includes activities such as camps, along with certain subjects that your child may have chosen that are in addition to the standard curriculum at that year level. For example, all students complete technology in Year 8, however your child may have also selected an additional subject such as Retro Metal which has an associated user-pays contribution.

Other Contributions – These are voluntary contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives. Patterson River Secondary College continues to welcome your contributions to support our school. 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 contribute or not.

2023 Voluntary Contribution Target Areas:

Learning Area	Description	Target Amount	Current Donations
Library Trust Fund – Tax Deductible	ICT Upgrade	$30,000	$5,812.70
Building Trust Fund – Tax Deductible	Black Box Theatre	$5,000	New Project
Student Representative Council	Playground and Outdoor Gym Equipment	$20,000	$3,022.00
Instrumental Music	Instrument Upgrade (Brass & Percussion)	$15,000	$2,796.25
PE	Movable Soccer & Hockey Goals	$8,000	New Project
Science	Temperature Controlled Water Baths	$3,000	New Project
Visual Arts	Screen Printing Equipment	$2,000	New Project
ICT	Programmable Drones	$3,500	New Project

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We have set nominal amounts of $20.00 for each of these target areas in Compass. You can change the amounts for each of these (including to $0.00) so that you can target your contribution to a particular learning area if you wish.

Educational Items for Students to Own

Booklist information is now available on Compass and on the College website. Patterson River Secondary College recommends you purchase from Campion Education, however you may choose any suppliers to source these items from for your child to individually own and use.

Payment Methods

Parent Contributions are now available for payment through the Compass Portal (preferred method). The College also accepts Cash, EFTPOS, BPAY (contact the General Office for details) or by returning the Contribution forms along with your credit card details to the General Office. Payment is requested by February 3, 2023.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment of $225.00 per student for eligible parents/guardians
- State Schools Relief (SSR) for assistance with uniform, footwear, clothing, textbooks
- Tailored payment arrangements including Centrelink deductions
- Netbook Daily user program

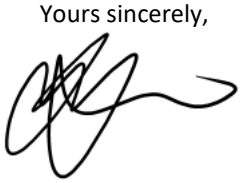
For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, contact:
Rachel Lindsey Ph: 03 8770 6700 | Email: rachel.lindsey@education.vic.gov.au
Carol Darma Ph: 03 8770 6700 | Email: carol.darma@education.vic.gov.au

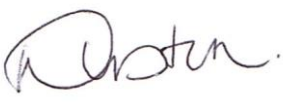
Refunds

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

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

Yours sincerely,





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2023 CONTRIBUTIONS – YEAR 9

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Learning 4 Life Program - Materials for individual and group activities that relate to the learning of real-life scenarios	$69.00
Mathspace – Online learning subscription (required for all students)	$20.00
EXCEL Academic Program* (select entry) Includes challenge days, STEM challenges, EXCEL testing, DaVinci Decathlon	$60.00
German* – Student Workbook	$5.00
Supernatural Literature* - Student workbook	$5.00
Creative Dance* – Costume hire and cleaning	$20.00
Dance Skills* – Costume hire and cleaning	$20.00
Systems Engineering-Robotics* – Robot Design, building & programming to complete set tasks, equipment maintenance	$50.00
Curriculum Excursions/Events/Activities (to be communicated via Compass as scheduled)	tba
Total Curriculum Contributions	**$**

***Applicable students only – see Compass Billing**

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities		Amount
PE – Movable Soccer and Hockey Goals	suggested contribution	$20.00
Instrumental Music – Instrument Upgrade (Brass and Percussion)	suggested contribution	$20.00
ICT – Programmable Drones	suggested contribution	$20.00
Student Representative Council – Playground and Outdoor Gym Equipment	suggested contribution	$20.00
Science – Temperature controlled Water Baths	suggested contribution	$20.00
Visual Arts – Screen printing equipment	suggested contribution	$20.00
Other Contributions – (Tax Deductible)		**Amount**
Building Trust Fund – Black Box Theatre	parent to complete	$
Library Trust Fund – ICT Upgrade	parent to complete	$
Total Other Contributions		**$**
Total Other Contributions (Tax Deductible)		**$**

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Patterson River Secondary College offers a range of optional 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. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please ensure payment is made to the College by February 3, 2023.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Student ID Card – PTV approved for concession fares on public transport (optional replacement card-valid 4 years)	$10.00
Student Photocopying/Print Credit (Rolled over at year end)	$20.00
College Yearbook	$15.00
Ceramics* - Materials to design, create and decorate individual ceramic pieces	$40.00
Eat for Health* - Cooking ingredients for a variety of healthy snacks and meals	$105.00
EXCEL Sport Program* (select entry) Specialised program involving elite sporting activities, AIS camp	$854.00
EXCEL Sport Program* - Student Workbook (retain for Year 10)	$8.00
Horticulture* - Cooking ingredients to use with produce from the Year 9 Vegetable Garden	$20.00
Individual Fitness* - Transport and session costs to Beast Gym	$20.00
Media* - Materials to produce media artworks such as for film, news reports, advertisements, animation and music videos	$20.00
Multicultural Munching* - Cooking ingredients for a variety of multicultural Australian dishes	$105.00
Painting & Drawing* - Painting and drawing materials to complete individual art works on canvas and paper	$40.00
Photography* - Film processing chemicals to produce developed photos	$60.00
PD&T Metal* - Materials to design and create a welded steel sculpture, a cast pewter piece and an articulated pendant of choice	$50.00
PD&T Resistant Materials* - Materials to design and create a lamp and mosaic mirror	$50.00
PD&T Textiles* - Fabric, laser cut buttons, and sewing materials to create patterns and individual Tote bags	$50.00
PD&T Digital Design* - Materials to design and create a laser cut phone dock and 3D printed dice	$50.00
Systems Engineering – Electronics* - Arduino starter kit, materials to create an individual electronic product of choice	$50.00
Visual Communication Design* - Art materials to create logos, interior room designs, house plans and explanatory diagrams	$30.00
Community Leadership Program* - Phillip Island camp, Surf Lifesaving, cooking ingredients (approximate cost $200.00)	tba
Instrumental Music Program (with Instrument hire)* - Includes sheet music, photocopying	$160.00
Instrumental Music Program (own instrument/Voice/Percussion)* - Sheet music, photocopying	$40.00
Athletics Carnival - Transport (date to be confirmed)	$10.00
Interschool Sports - Transport (approximately $10.00 per event)	tba
Optional Excursions/Events/Activities (to be communicated via Compass as scheduled)	tba
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities $	

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Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	$
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	$
(Tax-deductible)	$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$
Total	**$**

Credit Card Deduction Authority

Student Name: _____ **Amount: $**_____

Card No: __ __ __ __ /__ __ __ __ /__ __ __ __ /__ __ __ __ **Exp Date:** __ __ /__ __

Cardholders Name: _____ **Contact Number:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.

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