



POINT COOK COLLEGE

PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

Dear parent/guardian's of Year 9

Point Cook P9 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Point Cook P9 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 college can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support especially through our fundraising efforts. This has made a huge difference to our college and the programs we can offer.

Within our college this support has allowed us to offer wider subjects and special curriculum experiences, to set up Play Based Learning programs, to be a part of the Stephanie Alexandra Kitchen Garden, to upgrade our playgrounds, and the upgrade to the Learning Recourse Centre.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mandy O'Mara, Principal

8th September 2021

Monia Chaudry, President PCC Council

Approved & Endorsed by College Council

On 8th September 2021

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year 9 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science – chemicals • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • English – book boxes • Sports – equipment 	\$81.09
<i>Year 9 Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acer Assessments (\$9.91) • Education Perfect (\$60.00) • STILES (\$24.00) 	\$93.91
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student wellbeing programs – Resilience Project 	\$30.00
Total Amount	\$205.00

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Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$175.00
Other Contributions	\$30.00

Curriculum Contributions – Subject Selection - Yr 9 Students choose 8 per year		Amount	
A Brush with Art	\$40	Managing my Money	\$0
Rock Band	\$50	Criminal Law	\$0
Sports Media	\$0	The World Wars	\$0
Human Development	\$30	Body and Soul	\$0
Conflict and the Modern World	\$0	Sports Coaching and Umpiring	\$35
The Iron Chef	\$100	Boxing Fitness	\$35
Psychology	\$30	I'm an Architect	\$30
Comics/Manga	\$0	School Musical	\$30
Literature Lounge	\$45	Music Mash-up	\$0
Radio Room	\$0	Just Dance	\$20
Creative Writing	\$0	My Mind My Body	\$30
Verbal Volumiser	\$0	Sketch, Paint, Create	\$0
Marine Biology	\$0	Japanese Tourism	\$60
Forensic Science	\$60	Living Japanese	\$60

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Earth Science	\$0	Cake Decorating	\$100
It's a Chemical Reaction	\$60	Café Culture	\$100
Electronics, Force and Motion	\$0	Advanced	\$0
Astronomy	\$0	Come and Draw with Me	\$30
The Human Body	\$60	Sculpture 3D	\$40
Heroes of the Holocaust	\$0	Constructing with Clay	\$40
Order in the Court	\$0	Full Cycle	\$0
Monsters and Maniacs	\$0	Furniture	\$120
Create your own Small Business	\$20	Human Powered Vehicle	\$100
Billy Cart Challenge	\$100	Indonesian	\$40
Graphic Design	\$0	Photography	\$65
Women In Trade	\$100	Robotics	\$80
Print Making	\$40	Advanced Drawing	\$20
Arts Of The Ages	\$35	Time To Shine	\$20
The Art Studio	\$50	Glee Club	\$20
Cricket Academy	\$100	Nourish Me	\$30
Biology	\$60	Youth Empowerment	\$20
Rhythm & Rhyme	\$25	Catchy Classics	\$40
Sports 360	\$0	Advanced Fitness	\$0
AFL Academy	\$0	Movements That Change The World	\$0
Aboriginal Studies	\$0	Human Rights And The Law	\$0
Ism's	\$0	Ted Ed	\$0
Gothic World	\$0	Movies That Move You	\$0
It's Your life	\$0	The Virtual World	\$0
Dystopia Vs Utopia	\$0	Computer Programming	\$0

Educational items for students to own

Point Cook College carried out the 2022 Tender process for our Book Pack supplier and we are pleased to announce that Paperchase Office National successfully won the tender for 2022. Please find below the list of items that Point Cook College would like their students to purchase to assist in their learning for 2022.

PASTE PAPERCHASE LIST HERE once finalised

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Payment Methods

- Through Paperchase while ordering book packs
- Course Confirmation (Compass Pay) – This payment method will take the whole amount
- BPAY - You can nominate to pay all or instalments of the Curriculum, Extra Curriculum and Other Contributions
- College Office – You are able to come to the office and pay via EFT.
- Centrepay.

Financial Support for Families

Point Cook P9 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund CSEF
- Flexible BPay Options
- Community Assistance.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Ashley Stephens, Business Manager

Ph: 03 8348 7100 | Email: Ashley.Stephens@education.vic.gov.au

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the college and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the College 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.

Refunds will only be approved for the following circumstances:

1. The activity or excursion has been cancelled by the college; or
2. The College does not permit a student to participate or attend the activity or excursion due to suspension or behavioural consequence.
3. Serious injury/illness prevents the student from participating in the activity or excursion providing evidence through a medical certificate.
4. The Principal can make a decision based on their discretion if they believe the refund is fair and equitable.

In the event that the college has already paid for the service/item, a pro rata amount may be refunded (e.g. the bus cost is not refunded but the entry cost is refunded).

Refunds will only be processed upon the Parent/Guardian completing a Request for Parent Refund Form.

Refunds will only be made by Direct Deposit.

If an item or excursion is non-refundable this will be specified on the communication that Parents/guardians receive.

To View our College's [Full Refund Policy](#) please click

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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.