

Year 8 2025



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are very pleased that you have chosen Glen Waverley Secondary College as your school of choice for your child's education in 2025.

The College is currently planning another inspiring year of quality educational opportunities for our students and as part of that process we seek support from parents by way of a voluntary financial contributions.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all Parent Payments are voluntary.

The students of Glen Waverley Secondary College are privileged to attend one of Victoria's most successful Secondary Colleges. Underlying the success and quality of the wide-ranging academic and co-curricular programs available is the financial support of parents. Your financial contributions ensure that we have the materials and resources to run our programs successfully. We rely heavily on parent payments in Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra Curricular Items and Activities to enable the College to continue to offer the breadth of quality programs that we currently do.

We make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Our aim is to keep these educational costs under \$20 per week per child. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Your support in continuing to maintain and expand an exceptional education experience for your student at Glen Waverley Secondary College is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Plant
Principal

Vishal Kapoor
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
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Student ID Card	\$20
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20) • STEM materials /Design Technology -Textiles (\$80) (\$40 per semester) • Science – chemicals (\$20) • PE specialised equipment (\$12) • Food Studies (\$45) 	\$177
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clickview, World Book, The Age, Crikey, New Scientist, Wordflyers, Study Skills Handbook 	\$24
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials, including assessments	\$28
Information Technology (including upgrades, configuration of devices and operation of service desk)	\$38
Total Amount - Curriculum Contributions	\$287
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Additional Classroom Resources, Services and Materials Wellbeing Programs and Support(\$125), Additional Learning Support in the classroom(\$80), extra internet line improving connectivity(\$20),Compass(\$55), school grounds maintenance and improvements including additional security(\$80),locker maintenance(\$15),first aid materials and support(\$10),Clubs – Robotics, Chess, Debating(\$10),student awards, Information and in-house presentation nights, Audio Visual upgrades data projectors, sound systems(\$40)	\$435
Tax deductible contributions	Amount
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$100
Total Amount - Other Contributions	\$535

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Educational items for students to own

Glen Waverley Secondary College recommends you purchase resources from **Campion** (www.campion.com.au) for your child to individually own and use. A link to the Glen Waverley Secondary College resource list is on the school website for that purpose.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Glen Waverley Secondary 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Access to State Schools Relief support for uniforms/clothing.

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

Peter Daniel (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 03 8805 6700 Email: Peter.Daniel@education.vic.gov.au



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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	
Other Contributions	
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, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments will allow Glen Waverley Secondary College students to maintain the breadth and quality of educational opportunities that the College has become famous for. Parents are strongly encouraged to contribute to these items.

Payment is recommended to be made via Compass. Payment can also be made at the General Office. The Compass payment portal will open on January 15, 2025.

Yours faithfully

Suzanne Plant
Principal

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.