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Dear parent/guardian,

Carrum Downs Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our college's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

As you are aware schools provide students with free instruction to deliver the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. All **Extra-curricular** items and activities are provided on a user-pays basis.

Ongoing and continued support from our families regarding financial contributions to our college has ensured that our school can go above and beyond offering a standard curriculum program and allow our students to have a wide choice of subjects to pursue their chosen pathways.

Currently our suggested voluntary contributions remain at a very low rate when you compare us with other schools.

As can be seen over the last few years we have continue to invest in our college facilities and in our staff and students. We continue to do this as we truly believe our students deserve the best possible opportunity to thrive and pursue their wide range of passions in state-of-the-art facilities as they move through our college and onto the next chapter of their lives.

Over the last few years, we have also expanded our wellbeing team and resources to support our students with their mental health which has never been more important.

Even though fees are voluntary we all know than any extra funding that we receive enables us to provide the best possible opportunities for our students.

We are now in the process of developing and building our STEAM centre which will form a key part of our STEAM precinct. This precinct will further support our students to develop the skills they will need as they move toward the workforce. This space will require at least a five-year commitment of our resources to fit it out with the necessary equipment to deliver the expanded learning we wish for our students.

Your voluntary contributions will allow us to keep moving forward in this space and ensure that our students do not fall behind in the necessary skills of the future.

Carrum Downs Secondary College is an inclusive school where every child is supported and provided for. Your continued support has allowed us to create this environment in our college.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please refer to our college website under college payments.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Gow-College Principal

Matthew McDonnell-School Council President

Year 7 - 2023

Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum

	Cost		Total
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment	*Wood technology – high quality timber, screws, nails etc.*	$50.00	
	STEAM - modelling materials and coding resources	$50.00	
	Art supplies- high quality supplies including paper, cardboard, paint, charcoal, pens, glue etc.	$40.00	
	Drama - scripts	$10.00	$150.00
Year 7 online subscriptions – all subjects	*Education Perfect program (cost subsidised by the college)*		$50.00
			Total $200.00

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 in order to deliver the curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Carnivals and Interschool Sport	***All students are encouraged to attend our swimming and athletics carnival to either participate or support their house, novelty events are also an option for participation.*** *Charge includes:* • *Bus transport costs to and from whole school swimming and sports carnivals* • *Transport to school sports competitions and competition entry costs,* • *provision of college representative sports uniforms* • *Whole school cross country refreshments* ***CSEF money can be used for this charge***	$50.00
Year 7 Orientation Camp	***Highly recommended that all year 7 students attend*** *Campaspe Downs, Kyneton – 22 February 2022 – 24 February 2023* ***CSEF money can be used towards this charge***	$400.00
Combination Lock	*All students are required to have a lock on their lockers*	$25.00
Instrumental Music	*Includes cost of annual small group lessons, hire of instrument, music and some consumables. Music lessons are available for voice, piano, woodwind and brass instruments, strings, guitar and percussion.*	$300.00
Printed Yearbook	*The college yearbook is available for purchase at the end of each year.*	$20.00

Other Contributions – for non curricular items and activities		
Student wellbeing programs	*Incursions supporting students well being and wise decision making*	$20.00
STEAM centre equipment	*Contribution towards additional equipment and resources for our STEAM building being constructed enabling your student to be exposed to industry practices.*	$50.00
Information Technology	*Contribution to software programs (Computer software programs including compass, utilised by parents, students and teachers annual cost to the College greater than $50,000.00 p.a.)*	$30.00

Educational items for students to own

Details on how to access the year level booklist from the college website or Campion Education's website will be provided. Stationery items on the booklist can be purchased from Campion or other suppliers you may choose to source these items from.

There is a facebook page Carrum Downs Secondary College Textbook / Uniform Buy and Sell run by parents where second hand items can be purchased.

Financial Support for Families

Carrum Downs Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, CSEF, payment $225.00 is available to all families with a Health care card or Pension card, application form included with this letter.

For a confidential discussion about support for textbooks, uniform or laptop computers, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the college ph: 9788 9100 to make an appointment with Bev Boys, Business Manager.

Email: *beverley.boys@education.vic.gov.au*

Payment methods

Direct payment can be made by BPay, compass or to the College's bank account

Bank: Bank Australia
Account Name: Carrum Downs Secondary College
BSB: 313140
Account No: 12028228
(Please use your child's name as the reference)

Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS or credit card at the administration office, please contact the office for BPay details.

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.