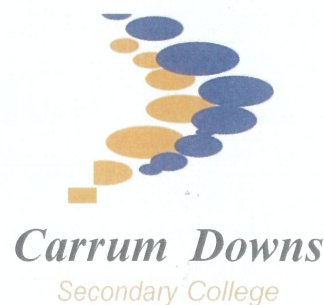


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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Carrum Downs Secondary College is continuing to invest in improving student outcomes and would like to advise you of our college's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to deliver the standard Victorian curriculum. Whilst Extra-curricular items and activities are provided on a user-pays basis, all other contributions are voluntary.

Our suggested voluntary contributions amounts remain at a low rate, and you are welcome to increase or reduce the amount you choose to pay. Any extra funding that we receive through your contributions enables us to provide the best possible opportunities for our students.

The voluntary contributions suggested for high-cost materials in some subjects (food technology and Café, wood technology, art and STEAM) your student is undertaking will show in Compass finance. Contributions made are greatly appreciated and enable us to continue to offer these subjects in the future.

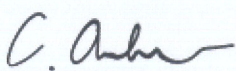
We continue to invest in our college facilities, in our staff and our students. Our students deserve the opportunity to achieve their very best. Upgrades to facilities in the 2025 year have included the refurbishment of toilet blocks, the creation of the senior hub and study hall and new classrooms for inclusion and intervention.

Our curriculum offerings have continued to expand, and your voluntary contributions have allowed us to improve outcomes for students and add additional resources, the Aspire programs and more subjects in 2026. In 2026, we have included a new subject, VCE Systems Engineering Units 1&2, an exciting new subject for our STEAM program along with additional electives across year 7-12.

Carrum Downs Secondary College is an inclusive school where every child is supported to achieve their very best. Your continued support allows 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



Chad Ambrose
Principal



Jeremy Dart
School Council President

Year 7 - 2026

Curriculum Contributions

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

Cost			Total
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment	<i>Wood technology – high quality timber, screws, nails etc.</i>	\$50.00	\$200.00
	<i>STEAM - modelling materials and coding resources</i>	\$50.00	
	<i>Art supplies- high quality supplies including paper, cardboard, paint, charcoal, pens, glue etc.</i>	\$50.00	
	<i>Food Technology – high quality ingredients for demonstrations and tastings. Ingredients for weekly practical classes. Food packaging materials</i>	\$50.00	
Year 7 online subscriptions – all subjects	<i>Education Perfect program (cost subsidised by the college)</i>		\$50.00

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.

Swimming & Athletics Carnival	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 athletics carnivals • Swimming pool entry • Athletics field hire cost CSEF money or remaining Schools Saving Bonus can be used for this charge	\$30.00
Interschool Sports	Students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of interschool sport competitions. • Transport to school sports competitions and competition entry costs • provision of college representative sports uniforms CSEF money or remaining Schools Saving Bonus can be used for these charges	Charged per event (approximately \$15 per event)
Year 7 Orientation Camp	Highly recommended that all year 7 students attend PGL Adventure Camp - Campaspe Downs, Kyneton 4 May 2026 – 6 May 2026 CSEF money or remaining Schools Saving Bonus can be used towards this charge	\$450.00
Combination Lock	<i>All students are required to have a lock on their lockers</i>	\$25.00
Instrumental Music	<i>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.</i>	\$300.00

Printed Yearbook	<i>The college yearbook is available for purchase at the end of each year.</i>	\$25.00
Other Contributions – for non curricular items and activities		
Student wellbeing programs	<i>Incursions supporting students well being and wise decision making</i>	\$20.00
STEAM centre equipment	<i>Contribution towards additional equipment and resources (3D printers and laser cutters) for our STEAM building enabling your student to be exposed to industry practices.</i>	\$70.00
Information Technology	<i>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.)</i>	\$50.00

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.

Second hand uniform and textbooks can be purchased through the parent run Facebook page 'Carrum Downs Secondary College Textbook / Uniform Buy and Sell'.

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment of \$400.00 per student for eligible parents/guardians. An application form is included with this letter
- State Schools Relief (SSR) for assistance with uniform, footwear and textbooks
- Tailored payment arrangements

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 on 9788 9100 to make an appointment with Julie Westwood, Business Manager. Email: julie.westwood@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Parent Contributions are now available for payment through the Compass Portal which is the preferred method. The college also accepts Cash, EFTPOS, BPAY (please contact the college office for details) or payment directly into the College bank account (see details below).

Bank: Westpac

Account Name: Carrum Downs Secondary College

BSB: 033-138

Account No: 742083

(Please use your child's name as the reference)

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.