

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hampden P12 School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Hampden P12's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

We are required by the department to distribute our parent payments schedule annually. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the music equipment.

Hampden P12 is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

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

Yours sincerely,



Kylie Carter,
Principal



Kristie Simpson,
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions – suggested voluntary tax-deductible contributions for items & activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment - Stationery Pack for each individual student, including but not limited to printed workbooks, scrapbooks, easy grip pencils, easy grip markers, dot markers, modified adaptive scissors etc. - English – specialised learning resources - Mathematics – specialised learning resources - Visual Arts – Materials for art/ craft including glitter, coloured paper, paint, wrapping paper, pom poms, coloured icy pole sticks etc - Health and Physical Education – Specialised sporting equipment - Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. - Technology – gardening tool, plants etc. - Cooking – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc. - Mathematics – numeracy blocks - Sports – equipment - Sensory items	\$ 110
Online Subscriptions - Reading eggs - Mathseeds - Makers Empire - Purple Mash	\$ 30
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$ 30
Communication tools – assistive technology devices, displays	\$ 10
Swimming and water safety program	\$ 0
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10
Whole school events - Athletics carnival – entry and transport - School Performance - Sports Days - Year 12 Graduation - Whole School Celebrations	\$ 10
Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions	\$ [parent to complete]

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

Hampden P12 School 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.

The exact cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year. Below are some **estimates**.

For the first time we have created an option for families to prepay for some Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. The cost noted in the advance payment column is the discounted price when paid in full or if a payment plan is set up at the start of the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Advance Payment
Early Years: Each activity will be scheduled for a whole term. <u>All Students</u> Off Site Sports Program – \$ 12 per week – 2 Terms RDA – Riding for the Disabled – \$ 5 per week - 2 Terms <u>Some year levels</u> Social Program – per week – - \$10 per week	\$ 300
Middle Years: Off Site Sports Program – \$ 12 per week – 1 Term	\$ 80
Excursions / Incursions - <i>as scheduled</i> - \$15	
Camps – <i>as scheduled</i> Each area of the school will arrange a camp for all students. \$ 150	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$ <i>[parent to complete]</i>

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Costings are based on attendance therefore we cannot refunded due to non attendance. 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.

Financial Support for Families

Hampden P12 School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for Health Care Card holders
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Wendy Coyle Ph: 03 5595 1995 | Email: Hampden.p12@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Total recommended amount	Total Payment	Pay on approval
Curriculum Contributions - Total tax-deductible contributions	\$ 200	\$ [parent to complete]	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities As these are provided on a user pays basis families can pay for these activities once approved in Xuno via any of the payment methods below.	\$	\$ [parent to complete]	☐ Please tick the box if this is your preferred option.
Total	\$	\$ [parent to complete]	Pay on Approval

Payment methods

- Direct Credit: Hampden P12 School BSB: 063 000 Account No.: 1414 0244
- Via Xuno
- Send cash to the office
- Regular Centrepay payments, to be deducted from your Centrelink payment.



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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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, or [for secondary students only] 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.