



VICTORIAN COLLEGE FOR THE DEAF

Dear parent/guardian,

Victorian College for the Deaf is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Victorian College for the Deaf'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 school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's 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 deliver exceptional literacy and numeracy programs, upgrade technologies and have a school bus onsite for camps and excursions and that's just the beginning.

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

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Tope

Principal

Mark Duncan

School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. • Technology – garden centre, tools, seedlings etc • Food Tech – food ingredients • Mathematics – Direct Instruction workbooks, maths kits • English – Direct Instruction workbooks • PE – ribbons and equipment • Library – books, subscriptions 	\$180
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria membership	\$5
Student wellbeing programs – such as end of term celebrations	\$20
First aid and hygiene equipment	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$10
Tax deductible contributions	
VCD is a deductible gift recipient. All donations to the school are tax deductible. If you are donating, please indicate on banking transaction.	Optional \$ amount
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from *Officeworks* for your child to individually own and use.



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Victorian College for the Deaf 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
School magazine/ yearbook	\$22	
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
Primary Camp		
Middle Years 4 Day Camp – Rubicon	\$220	
Senior Year 5 Day Camp - Rubicon	\$250	

Financial Support for Families

Victorian College for the Deaf understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Curtis Yildirim

Ph: 03 9510 1706 | Email: victorian.ds@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Donation	\$



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Payment methods

Cash is acceptable, however given the distance many of our students travel Direct Deposit is recommended.

Direct Deposit:

Account name: Victorian College for the Deaf

BSB: 633 000

Account number: 152 623 385

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.



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PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY



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.