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PARENT PAYMENTS AND VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parent Guardian ,

By providing a stimulating, learning and caring environment, Doveton College challenges and supports each of our students to achieve their personal best. Doveton College is very proud of the quality programs we have put in place to cater for the needs and interests of all of our students. On an annual basis College Council spends a lot of time and effort considering the financial position of the College and aims to keep costs to a minimum whilst also enabling the College to continue to provide the high-quality standard of learning that we have come to expect and want for our children.

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Doveton College's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 the payment of contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school your support allows us to:

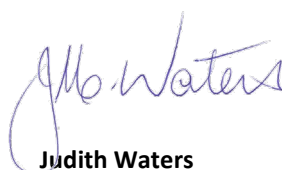
- Provide all the necessary stationery for your child which includes all books, pencils, pens, pencil cases etc for their day-to-day learning
- Provide high quality programs and equipment for English, Maths, Science, Art, Music, P.E. & Health
- Provide student laptops, IPADS and computers which were a much-needed resource for families during the COVID lockdowns and continue to be a very valuable teaching resource.
- Purchasing of library books and take-home books
- Subscribe to online subscriptions for Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Mappen, ACER PAT testing, Essential Assessments
- Buy Sport and Physical Education equipment
- Provide the Berry Street Education Model to promote student engagement, support student wellbeing and foster positive and rewarding relationships
- Purchase necessary Maths & Science equipment
- Provide COMPASS online communication and reporting to parents' system
- Maintain state of the art facilities and grounds

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

Yours sincerely,



Deb Gibson
College Principal



Judith Waters
College Council President

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, 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.