



## 2024 Parent Payment Arrangements Year 7 and 8

Dear Parent/Guardian

*Mount Rowan Secondary College* is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Mount Rowan Secondary 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 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 provide *special curriculum experiences and enhanced digital learning opportunities*.

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

Yours sincerely

*Seona Murnane*  
Principal

*David Harris*  
School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Science Stile online resource for year 7 & 8 students	\$25.00
<i>Year 7 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Woodwork Technology \$10.00</i></li> <li>• <i>Art \$5.00</i></li> </ul>	\$15.00
<i>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Food Tech –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta (\$95.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Systems (\$10.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Art \$5.00</i></li> </ul>	\$110.00
<i>Year 7 &amp; 8 whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$5)</i></li> <li>• <i>Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$5)</i></li> </ul>	\$10.00
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>We do not ask for any fees in this category</i>	\$
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>

### **Educational items for students to own**

Attached is a booklist which guides you on the everyday items that your child will use in the classroom. It also has the textbooks that will be required to purchase per class per year level, eg maths.

Please complete this form and lodge it electronically with the provider. When the books are ready to pick up Campion Education will contact you.

Mount Rowan Secondary College has a second-hand uniform and book shop. If you would like to purchase items from the shop, please contact the office on 5336 7804 for opening times and available items.

### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Mount Rowan Secondary College 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
School Diary	\$16.00	
Optional Year 7 School Camp (Cave Hill Creek)	\$350.00 approx	
Optional Private Music Lessons (\$20.00 per term)	\$80 per year	
Optional Year 8 School Camp (TBA)	\$300 approx	
School Locks	\$15.00	
Other Optional Year 7 & 8 Excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (\$225.00 per student per year.)
- State School Relief
- Centrepay

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Fiona Cochrane Ph: 03 5336 7804 or [fiona.cochrane@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:fiona.cochrane@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions - we do not have any charges in this area	\$ N/A
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

### Payment methods

All parent payments and contributions can be made by cash, cheque, debit/credit card at the school's office or via BPay.

Alternatively, you may opt to set up an automatic regular BPay, direct credit deposit or Centrelink deduction.

### 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. Please contact Fiona Cochrane on 5336 7804.*

# 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 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)



### 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.