Parent Contribution Arrangements – Year 7 2026

November 2025 **Student Name**

Dear Parents/Carers

Frankston High School is looking forward to another successful year of teaching and learning in 2026 and would like to advise parents/carers of the school's voluntary financial contributions for the upcoming year.

Victorian government schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum. The ongoing support of our families plays an important role in enabling the school to provide the best possible educational opportunities and support for our students We sincerely thank our parents/carers for their support, whether through voluntary financial contributions, fundraising activities, or volunteering their time. This support makes a significant difference to our school community and the programs and opportunities we can offer.

At Frankston High School, contributions from families have helped us generate a high performing school of academic and extracurricular opportunities for students, including:

- Provision of a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences.
- Enhanced digital learning opportunities and Information Technology infrastructure.
- A wide variety of additional interstate and overseas opportunities.
- School funded facility improvements and upgrades across both campuses.

For further information regarding the Department's Parent Payments policy please refer to the one-page overview included in Page 6 of this document, or view the full policy via the Department's website or via the Frankston High School website.

For your convenience, the Contribution Schedule Information for Parents/Carers and the Year 7 Contribution Schedule are provided on Pages 3 to 5. We kindly ask that you complete the Year 7 Contribution Schedule via Compass by **Friday, 12 December 2025**, to assist the school with planning, resource allocation and preparation for the 2026 school year.

Financial Support for Families

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

- **Payment Plans |** Payments can be made through **seven (7) monthly instalments** which can be arranged via Compass.
- **Student Wellbeing Support |** Practical assistance and **resources** from the Student Wellbeing Team.
- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) |** Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Eligible secondary school students in Years 7 to 12 receive $400 per year, which is paid directly to the school and credited to the family's account to assist with the cost of camps, sports and excursions.
- **State Schools Relief (SSR) Fund |** As part of the Victorian Government's Affordable School Uniform Program, all Year 7 government school students who receive CSEF are automatically eligible for a uniform support voucher.

  How to Apply: Please complete and return the CSEF Application Form and State Schools Relief Application Form, included in the Enrolment Links and Forms page available on the school's website. Application forms should be submitted by the end of Term 2.

  Further information about CSEF, including eligibility requirements, is available via the Victorian Government website.

For a confidential discussion about accessing financial assistance, or to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the Finance Office on 9783 7955 or financeoffice@fhs.vic.edu.au.

Payment Methods

The contribution schedule enclosed with this letter has also been represented in your online Compass Portal. The preferred method of payment is to complete your payment online in **Compass**. For added convenience, families may also set up an automatic instalment plan through Compass. Please refer to the Compass instructions in your enrolment pack.

Alternatively, payments may be made via **BPAY**, or in person at the school by **cash**, **credit card** or **EFTPOS**.

To assist the school with planning and preparation for the 2026 school year, payment is requested by **Friday, 12 December 2025**, unless an instalment arrangement has been established.

Conclusion

If you require any further information or clarification, please contact the Finance Office on 9783 7955.

Despite limited resources, Frankston High School will continue to maintain our fine tradition of providing a first class education for all our students. Your voluntary contribution plays an important role in ensuring that Frankston High School can continue to offer a rich educational experience and provide opportunities that allow our students to achieve outcomes comparable with the very best schools across Victoria.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. We greatly appreciate your partnership in helping us provide the best possible educational opportunities for every student.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Batchelor
Principal

Mark Rickinson
School Council President

Student Name

CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE – Information for Parents/Carers

Curriculum Contributions

This section provides a detailed list of the items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum. School Council seeks contributions from Frankston High School families to help meet the cost of these items. These contributions support for materials, resources and services used by all Year 7 students, both in class and across the wider curriculum.

Other Contributions (including tax deductible contributions)

Frankston High School continues to welcome voluntary contributions to support our school. Parents/Carers can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in this section.

School Council has established Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for both the Building Fund and Library Fund. In previous years, tax-deductible donations have been suggested at $50 per fund. To further ensure donations meet the ATO's definition of a tax-deductible gift, Frankston High School invites families to nominate the amount they wish to donate.

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you choose not to make a voluntary contribution. All records relating to voluntary contributions, and your decision whether or not to contribute, are kept strictly confidential.

Extracurricular Items and Activities

Frankston High School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum program. These opportunities are designed to enrich your child's educational experience and broaden their involvement in school life in addition to the standard curriculum program. These optional activities are provided on a user pays basis. If parents/carers choose for their child to participate, payment will be required prior to the activity taking place. If you wish to select an extracurricular item or activity for your child, please indicate your selection when making payment through Compass.

The **Year 7 Orientation Camp** is an extracurricular activity and an important part of our transition program. It provides students who are new to the school with an opportunity to build friendships and develop positive relationships with teachers and peers. This camp takes place in Term 1, and all Year 7 students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Information regarding consent and cost of the camp will be made available to parents/carers early Term 1. A separate Compass event will be published for parents/carers to consent and make payment.

If the cost of the camp may cause financial hardship, please contact the Finance Office, Student Wellbeing Team or Year 7 Coordinator to discuss available support options. Eligible families may be able to apply their Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) allocation towards the cost of the camp.

Addition activities will be advised throughout the year within Compass Events.

***Note**: The Year 7 Booklist can be accessed via the Enrolment Links and Forms page on the school website. Please follow the instructions provided to order online directly through our nominated booklist supplier.*

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CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE – YEAR 7

Please find below the itemised list. Frankston High School also continues to welcome your tax deductible contributions for 2026. Please complete this form online via Compass by **Friday 12 December 2025** so the school can prepare accordingly.

Curriculum Contributions 2026	Amount
Compass student identity card	$ 10
Compass School Manager - communication tool (SMS, attendance, reporting, chronicle, sick bay)	$ 20
Purchase of school issue combination padlock	$ 25
Frankston High School student planner/diary	$ 25
Individual student printing credit	$ 20
Contribution to library resources and Homework Club	$ 20
Contribution to Wellbeing activities and materials for Year 7	$ 20
Optima – contribution to the supply of resources to deliver Optima Program	$ 5
Drama – contribution to facilitate live Drama performances	$ 10
English – contribution to supply of classroom resource materials	$ 15
Geography fieldwork excursions to local environments	$ 15
History – Ancient Cultures incursion	$ 20
French or Japanese – Education Perfect online subscription	$ 35
French or Japanese – Cultural incursion	$ 25
World of Maths incursion, Aust Maths Comp entry, Essential Assessment online subscription	$ 32
Physical Education swimming lessons – 8 sessions	$ 40
Whole school swimming, cross country & athletics house carnivals	$ 40
Sport Education (weekly transport and external facility hire fees)	$ 85
Visual Arts materials (wide range of art materials for designs retained by students)	$ 30
TOTAL	**$ 492**

Other Contributions 2026	Suggested	Amount
School Council Requested Items including: Science practical materials, provision of extensive first aid supplies, lunchtime activities, School Sport Victoria affiliation fees, school newsletters & notices, consumables, canteen services, recreational use of Swimming Pool & Fitness Centre.	$140 / $180 / $220	
Hybrid Tablet Program Donation To allow further expansion of the Hybrid Tablet Program which currently provides high quality technical support, immediate device warranty replacement when faulty, software subscriptions, high bandwidth internet connection and IT infrastructure to provide enhanced learning opportunities and a flexible innovative learning environment.	$90 / $120 / $150	
Breakfast Club Donation School Council provides breakfast to all interested students at least three days per week. Your support in this area will allow this program to continue to benefit students.	$20 / $50 / $100	
Tax Deductible Building Fund Donation School Council has contributed funds to build the Debbie Flintoff King Stadium, Peter Sharp Performing Arts Theatre, Ken Rowe Music Centre, Ellie Cole Swim Centre, Athletics Track, Gymnasium, Senior Courtyard, Acrylic Basketball Courts, STEM Centre and Multi-Purpose Synthetic Courts. We appreciate the ongoing support from parents in this area which has enabled these many recent exciting upgrades to occur at the school.	$20 / $50 / $100	

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Tax Deductible Library Fund Donation School Council has funded a range of improvement initiatives in the library. These include refurnishing large portions of the library, expanding services and increasing the size and quality of the school's collection. Contributions to the library will make it possible for the library to continue with these ongoing improvements.	$20 / $50 / $100	
	TOTAL	**$**

Extracurricular Items and Activities 2026		**Amount**
Extracurricular items and activities as scheduled throughout 2026. The cost of these activities will be advised throughout the year within additional Compass Events. For example: Year 7 Camp, Year 7 PE Gymnastics Program, End of year activities		To be advised
End of year school magazine	□	$ 20
TOTAL		**$ 20**

Parent Payment Charges Summary:

Curriculum Contributions 2026	Amount	$ 492
Extracurricular Items and Activities 2026	Amount	$ 20
Other Contributions 2026	Amount	$_____
	TOTAL	**$_____**

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Please complete payment on your parent portal in Compass.

Alternatively, please use your unique family BPAY details or enter card details below and return:

Card Number: __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ Exp: ___ / ___ CCV: __ __ __

Cardholder's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Biller Code: 87361
Reference:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Student Name: _____ **Student ID:** _____

Family ID: _____

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	Other Contributions	Extracurricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.