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Dear Parent/Carer,

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2023

Frankston High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Frankston High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum. 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 ongoing support from families has benefited the school in so many ways and has allowed us to generate a high performing school of academic and extracurricular opportunities including:

- the 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
- numerous school funded facility upgrades on both campuses which have included:
 - new furniture, carpet and painting in the majority of general classrooms
 - installation of the athletics track on the oval and multipurpose synthetic courts
 - creation of eco garden to generate a quiet outdoor learning area
 - provision of elite fitness equipment for the new gymnasium
 - full interior renovation of Music Centre
 - installation of Senior Campus outdoor fitness stations
 - addition of professional audio visual equipment and seating to the Performing Arts Theatre
 - creation of dedicated outdoor area for drama classes with new performance stage and garden
 - contribution to the enhancement of the new STEM facilities
 - duplication of basketball courts on both 7-10 Campus and Senior Campus
 - complete redevelopment and landscaping of Senior Campus courtyard
 - ongoing landscaping and beautification of the school grounds.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one page overview attached or view a full copy of the policy at www.education.vic.gov.au or via the school's website.

Please find the contribution schedule for Year 7 attached to this letter. Please complete this form online via **Compass** by **Friday 16 December 2022** so the school can prepare for 2023 accordingly.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Payment by **instalments** that can be setup on Compass
- Practical support of **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. In total \$225 per year will be paid for eligible Years 7 – 12 secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the family account.
- **State Schools Relief Fund**
As part of the Victorian government's affordable school uniform program, every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of the CSEF automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher.
How to Apply: Please complete and return the CSEF Application Form included in your pack or contact the Frankston High School Finance Office to complete a CSEF application form. Application forms should be completed and lodged before the closing date at the end of Term 2. Eligibility requirements for CSEF and further information can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the Finance Office on (03) 9783 7955 or financeoffice@fhs.vic.edu.au

Payment Methods

The contribution schedule enclosed has also been represented in your online Compass Portal. The preferred method of payment is to complete your payment online in **Compass**. Conveniently, an automatic instalment plan can also be created in Compass. Please refer to the Compass instructions in your pack.

If preferred, payments may also be made by BPAY, or in person by cash, credit card or EFTPOS.

Payment is requested on or before **Friday 16 December 2022** unless payment by instalments have been arranged.

Conclusion

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

Despite our limited resources, we will maintain our fine tradition of providing a first class education for all our students. Your assistance will ensure that these standards are maintained and that our students can compare favourably with other students in Victoria.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Batchelor
Principal

Mark Rickinson
School Council President

CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE – YEAR 7

Please find the itemised list of 2023 Curriculum Contributions and Extracurricular Items and Activities for your child. Frankston High School also continues to welcome your tax deductible contributions for 2023. Please complete this form online via Compass by **Friday 16 December 2022** so the school can prepare accordingly.

Curriculum Contributions

The following page details a list of items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum. School Council seek contributions from Frankston High School families to help meet the cost of these items. They provide for materials and services used by all students in Year 7, both in class and across the wider curriculum.

The Year 7 booklist is also enclosed in your information pack. Please follow the booklist instructions on how to order online directly via our booklist provider.

Other Contributions including tax deductible contributions

Frankston High School continues to welcome your other contributions to support our school.

You can make an additional general contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2023 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined on the following page.

School Council has established tax deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for the Building Fund and Library Fund.

The tax deductible donations have previously been suggested at \$50 per fund. To further ensure your donation meets the ATO definition of a tax deductible donation, Frankston High School is inviting parents to nominate the amount they wish to donate.

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

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. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child and are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program. These optional extras are provided on a user pays basis and if parents/carers choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them prior to the activity taking place. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate when making payment on your Compass Portal.

Year 7 Orientation Camp



This camp is an important part of our transition process and is an opportunity for students new to the school to make friends and to establish close relationships with teachers. This camp takes place early in Term 1 and it is encouraged that all Year 7 students attend. Please contact the Finance Office, Student Wellbeing Team or Year 7 Coordinator if the cost of this camp will cause financial difficulties. If eligible, CSEF funding of \$225 can be applied to the cost of this camp.

Curriculum Contributions 2023	Amount
Compass student identity card	\$ 10
Purchase of school issue combination padlock	\$ 20
Frankston High School student planner/diary	\$ 25
Individual student printing credit	\$ 20
Contribution to library resources and Homework Club	\$ 20
English – online software subscription	\$ 10
Geography fieldwork excursions to local environments	\$ 15
History – Ancient Cultures incursion	\$ 20
Languages – Education Perfect online subscription (French or Japanese)	\$ 35
World of Maths incursion, Aust Maths Comp entry, Online Learning Pack	\$ 35
Physical Education swimming lessons – 8 sessions	\$ 25
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	\$ 390

Other Contributions 2023	Suggested	Amount
School Council Requested Items including: Science practical materials, provision of extensive first aid supplies, lunchtime activities, School Sport Victoria affiliation fees, SMS communication, 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, 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	
Tax Deductible Library Fund Donation School Council has funded a range of improvement initiatives in the library. These include refurbishing 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 2023	Amount
Extracurricular items and activities as scheduled throughout 2023. The cost of these activities will be advised throughout the year. For example: End of year activities	To be advised
Year 7 Orientation Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 300
French Cultural Infusion incursion OR Japanese Taiko drumming incursion	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 15
End of year school magazine	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20
TOTAL	\$ 335

Parent Payment Charges Summary:	
Curriculum Contributions 2023	Amount \$ 390
Extracurricular Items and Activities 2023	Amount \$ 335
Other Contributions 2023	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: _____	 Bill Code: 87361 Reference:
Signature: _____	Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Contact Phone Number: _____	

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 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.

Extracurricular 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.