



MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

10th November, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Montmorency Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the College'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 College can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

Parent contributions ensure that provision for fundamental student support and wellbeing programs, classroom technology and the maintenance and upgrade of our College buildings and grounds, is available for the benefit of all students to enhance their learning, aspirations and wellbeing.

Within our College, this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences, enhanced digital learning opportunities and faster internet.

More specifically, in 2021, this revenue has allowed us to provide additional eLearning resources to assist student learning during COVID-19 lockdowns and has enabled the College to invest in a new data platform, *Edapt*. This platform brings together our students' academic, engagement, wellbeing, and student voice data, providing an holistic view of our students' achievements and needs and allowing opportunities for early intervention by our teaching staff if required.

We have fully refurbished our complex of 11 portable classrooms, including the conversion to LED lighting, replacing ageing evaporative cooling with refrigerated air conditioners, and fully painting the complex. LED lighting has also been installed in the Resource Centre, Study Centre, Canteen and student toilets.

The Montmorency Secondary College School Council and College Finance Committee work closely with the Principal Team and Business Manager to ensure that parental contributions are kept to a minimum and affordable to families. The Council and Committee closely monitor all revenue received, and ensure it is managed appropriately and used for the purposes for which it is raised, to improve student outcomes and well-being.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or voluntary contributions. This has made a vast difference to our College and the programs we are able to offer and we look forward to your ongoing support.

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

Yours sincerely,

Fran Ibbott
Principal

Shane Penrose
College Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	Total
Year 7 Student ID Card	\$ 10	
Year 7 Planner	\$ 13	
Year 7 Classroom Consumables, Materials & Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art (Materials to produce a lino printing plate, collaged painting, clay pinch pot and clay sculpture) (\$56) • Food Tech (Materials for rock cakes, sausage rolls, apple pie, beef tacos and fruitcake pudding) – (\$31) • Wood Technology and Metal Technology (Materials to produce pencil case, key tag, and nickel band ring) – (\$30) 	\$117	
Year 7 Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy Planet (\$30) – a platform that empowers students. It provides educators with the tools to create personalised learning pathways that scaffold the literacy skills of every student, no matter their age or ability. It also provides students with real-time feedback so as they can quickly see where they have made errors, and how what they know corresponds to what they need to know. • Mathspace (\$30) - is an all-in-one learning resource. It brings all the students' learning tools together into one place, including video lessons, textbooks and adaptive practice. It enables our students to become self-directed learners. • Stile (\$30) - is described as a combination of your favourite science textbook, workbook, assessments, pracs, videos and simulations all interwoven and presented as a seamless online teaching and learning experience. The use of this resource means that parents/guardians will not be required to purchase the traditional Science textbook in 2022. 	\$ 90	
Year 7 printing credit to students, and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials provided	\$ 25	\$255
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	
Year 7 Padlock (Distributed to students the first day of Term 1, 2022)	\$ 50	\$ 50
Student and parent communication tools (Xuno and Edval) (\$40) School Sports Victoria Affiliation (\$15) Student Wellbeing Support Programs (\$30) First Aid Equipment (\$25) School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements (\$50)	\$160	\$160
Tax deductible contributions		
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$ 60	\$ 60



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Montmorency 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 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 (Distributed in February 2023)	\$ 25	
Optional Year 7 school camp *CSEF Funding available for eligible CSEF Students	\$430	Payable on Xuno Events
Optional Year 7 Whole School House Athletics Carnival - entry and transport (\$15)	\$15	Payable on Xuno Events
Optional Year 7 Whole School House Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$15)	\$15	Payable on Xuno Events
Optional Year 7 Interschool Sports program *Each student who participates in an interschool sporting event will be required to pay \$15 per event prior to the day of the event.	\$15 per event	Payable During the school year on Xuno Events
Optional Year 7 Private Music Lessons		
Other optional Year 7 excursions and incursions – to be scheduled *CSEF Funding available for eligible CSEF Students		

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Access to State Schools Relief
- The College **Student Wellbeing Coordinator** works with families in need.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the College Business Manager, Lisa Ball, on 9422 1500 or by email at lisa.ball@education.vic.gov.au

**Total**

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

Payment Methods**Preferred Method:**

- ☐ I have made payment via Xuno (This form is not required to be returned).
- ☐ I have arranged to pay my contributions via Xuno in six monthly instalments.
- ☐ Please take payment from the following card (Return to General Office).

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**Credit Card Type:** Visa Mastercard**Credit Card Number:** _____**Expiry Date:** ____/____**CCV No:** _____ (*Three digits on the back of credit card*).**Name on Card:** _____**Authorised Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____**Contact Phone Number:** _____**Refunds**

Parents' requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the College and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the College 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.

The Montmorency Secondary College **Refunds Policy** is available on the College website. For further information on the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy please see the on-page overview attached.



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.