

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

John Fawkner College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of John Fawkner College's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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.

John Fawkner College makes every effort to keep the contribution requests to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Within our school this support has allowed us to work in close partnership with parents and the broader school community to provide the best educational opportunities and outcomes for students, both inside and outside the classroom. Through this partnership, parents understand that the contribution they make to their children's education, in all its various forms, has an important role in enriching the school's learning and teaching program and improving educational outcomes. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. Therefore, parent contribution is highly valued by school communities.

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

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact the school at <u>john.fawkner.sc@education.vic.gov.au</u> or (03) 9359 1166.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr Lisa Vinnicombe Executive Principal

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Student Name:	Student ID Code:	Class:
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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	Paying (please tick ✓)
Student ID Card	\$10	
Biology – classroom consumables, equipment and materials	\$75	
Outdoor Education – Equipment upkeep and compulsory camp	\$635	
Physical Education – Equipment	\$50	
Chemistry - classroom consumables, equipment and materials	\$90	
Health and Human Development – classroom consumables and materials	\$50	
VET Interactive Media - classroom consumables, equipment and materials	\$25	
VCAL Classroom Subjects	\$100	
Digital technologies - provision of devices, software, and system support	\$20	
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$25	
 Whole school events Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$15) Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$20) 	\$35	
Total Curriculum Contributions		

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	Paying (please tick ✔)
School Year Level Presentation and Awards	\$15	
Student wellbeing programs	\$30	
First aid equipment	\$5	
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50	
90Total Other Contributions	\$100	

Educational items for students to own

The school recommends you purchase from Campion the designated stationary items from the College booklist for your child to individually own and use.

This information is distributed to families in Term 4 and is available on the College Website. Students enrolling in a VET Subject may be requested to purchase a separate equipment pack. These items are separate from the Parent Payments detailed in this document.

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

John Fawkner College offers a range of optional 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please ensure payment is made to the school by 24 February, 2023.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Paying (please tick ✔)
Instrumental Music – Individual Lessons	\$150	
Instrumental Music – Bands	\$90	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		

Financial Support for Families

John Fawkner College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Kim Campbell

Ph: 03 9359 1166 | Email: john.fawkner.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category		Total (from above)
Curriculum Contributions		\$
Other Contributions	(Non-tax deductible)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$
Total		\$

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Payment methods

- 1. Payment in full, online via **Compass** by 25 February 2023
- 2. Payment Plan via Compass four equal payments deducted on:
 - \circ 15 February 2023
 - o 15 June 2023
 - o 15 September 2023
 - \circ 15 November 2023
- 3. In person at the campus office by Cash, Cheque or Credit Card
- 4. By phone please ring campus office with Credit Card details
- 5. By completing credit card details below and returning to campus office

Credit Card Payment:	(Please return form to the office)
U VISA	Mastercard
Instalments	🗖 In Full
Cardholders Name:	
Card Number:	///
Expiry Date:	/ CVN:
Signature:	

Refunds

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

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 noncurriculum 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.



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