

Parent Payments 2025

Dear parent/carer

As you know, the 2024 school year is drawing to a close and we're all looking forward to 2025.

Albert Park College would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

We're delighted that you and your child are continuing at APC. Our outstanding academic record, which last year saw us placed in the top tier of public schools, means you should have complete confidence in your decision.

This success has many causes, including our hard working and highly committed staff, but also the special learning environment we have created.

APC's program is far above and beyond what comparable schools can offer. Our cutting edge IT systems, the quality of our arts programs, the excitement of our expeditions, the wellbeing benefits of our positive education and leadership curriculum, plus our beautifully maintained buildings and grounds – all combine to engage our students and develop their creativity and self confidence, which are so important to academic and future career success.

And when your child gets to year 12, they will enjoy maximum class sizes of just 22, tutoring programs to help lift their final scores, a special study camp, and much, much more.

This wonderful learning environment is in large part made possible by the voluntary parent payments you make. Without these payments, our extra programs would be far more modest. Many wouldn't be possible at all and we are extremely grateful for this contribution. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please see the one-page overview attached.

This year, the focus of the Building Fund will be to continue supporting the fit out of our forthcoming Youth Arts Hub in Gasworks Arts Park, which will comprise a wonderful performing arts centre for our students. Your contribution will help make it a truly beautiful and special facility.

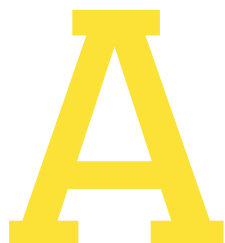
Thank you for your support and for helping make APC such a great place to educate your child.

Yours sincerely

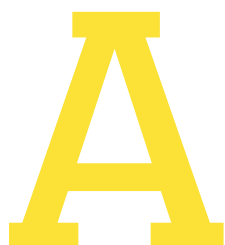


Steven Cook
Foundation Principal

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School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum and Other Contributions – for non curriculum items and activities	Amount
Year 11 Student ID Card including PTV concession	\$25
Year 11 Library – shared classroom resources, access to digital devices, E-books and audio books, digital and online subscriptions	\$100
Year 11 Digital Learning programs including cybersafety and motivation	\$125
Year 11 Health, social and emotional curriculum including learning safe behaviour	\$210
Year 11 technology support and ICT Devices – configuration and maintenance of devices, server/system maintenance, AV maintenance and student personal device support	\$200
Artist in Residence program	\$100
Year 11 to 12 Orientation and readiness program	\$100
Year 11 Academia and study skills programs	\$280
Year 11 printing and photocopying of worksheets, learning materials and exams	\$45
Year 11 whole school events - Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$25) - Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$25) - House Activities – (\$10)	\$60
Year 11 secure locker & key	\$30
Student wellbeing programs and support – Mental Health practitioners and student counsellors, student mental health education programs	\$120
Career education and course counselling	\$100
Positive education (awards, prizes, music festivals, guest speakers)	\$200
Student First Aid - first aid equipment, school nurse support	\$20
Compass student access	\$50
Total	\$1765



Albert Park College Foundation	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution towards the development of a new performing arts centre next to the school in Gasworks Arts Park. ▪ \$200 ▪ \$500 ▪ \$1000 APC 1000 Club ▪ Other	\$
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. ▪ \$200 ▪ \$500 ▪ \$1000 ▪ Other	\$
Voluntary Contribution	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Optional Enrichment Activities

Albert Park College offers a range of items and optional enrichment 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 Optional Enrichment Activities	Amount	Amount
Year 11 camps (to be advised) eg Snow Camp	Per camp	\$
APC Sport Academies	Per Academy	\$
Instrumental Music lessons – Group \$805 and Solo \$1610	Per Year	\$
Excursions and Incursions advised via Compass at least two weeks prior	Per Event	\$

Financial Support for Families

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



- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). Families with eligible Pension or Health care cards can apply for a \$250 annual funding provided by the Department of Education and Training. Please complete the application form and return to the school as soon as possible.
- State Schools Relief. Provide support for clothing and uniforms. Please contact the school reception on 8695 9000 for more information.
- Personalised payment plans

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

Kim McMahon, Business Manager
Ph: 03 8695 9000
Email: kim.mcmahon@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- Payment in full via Compass
- Payment by Compass instalment plan commencing (monthly payment x 6)
- Personalised payment plans
- Payment may also be made in person by cash, cheque, credit card or Bpay. Credit card payments may also be made by telephoning reception on 8695 9000.

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 individual circumstances and costs already incurred. All camps and excursions are fully self-funded and any requests for refunds should be made in writing and include supporting documentation such as medical certificates

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

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.