

3 November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Parent Payments – Year 7 Students 2026

Ashwood High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ashwood High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 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.

In **2025** Parent Payments helped provide our students with new educational experiences in our growing school:

- **Learning Resources**
 - Increased access to up-to-date technology, resources and state-of-the-art equipment for inspiring new specialised classrooms
 - Furniture, books and resources
 - PE equipment
 - Musical instruments to support our music program
- **Extra Choices**
 - School Production – Newsies
 - Expansion of extra-curricular and lunch time clubs' programs
 - Support of our School Performing Arts, Music and Sports programs
- **Enhancing Environment**
 - Additional outdoor lighting
 - Bin housing for both landfill and recyclables

In **2026** Parent Payments will also contribute to:

- Division of Building B
- Additional seating for assemblies and events
- Outdoor seating
- Landscaping and tree planting for shade
- Concreting for all-weather outdoor classrooms

\$480.00 ~ \$12.00 per student, per school week

Contribute towards enhancing education, beyond the basics, for your children. All Parent Payment contributions make the difference.

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

Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The CSEF provides payments for eligible students to attend activities e.g.,

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions

More information about the CSEF will be available soon.

I thank you in anticipation for your understanding and appreciation of the benefits that the Parent Payments bring to our students. Should you have any queries regarding your payments, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Debbie Whitehouse, Director of Business, on 9807 1333.

Yours faithfully



Ms Meg McLellan
Acting Principal



Ms Nicki Dear
School Council President



Contact for Sending Financial Information

Please indicate an email address for the school to send financial information via email.

Student Name: Year Level 2026: Year 7

Parent/Guardian Name:

Email Address:

Signature: Date:

Curriculum Contributions – For curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum.	
• Digital Technologies • English • Food Studies • French • Health and Physical Education • Humanities • Mathematics • Music • Science • Sport • Visual Arts • Student Planner • Student ID Card • Tutor Groups • Printing (May require Topping Up)	
Total Amount for Curriculum Contributions	\$320.00

Other Contributions – For non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	
• Compass • First Aid • Locker and Lock • Resource Centre • Sporting Affiliation • Student Wellbeing and Engagement Program • Grounds Program	
Total Amount for Other Contributions	\$160.00

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	Amount	
School Magazine – 2026 CHOIR Magazine	TBA	Compass Event
Optional Instrumental Music (if selected) Semester 1	\$380.00	Compass Event
Optional Instrumental Music (if selected) Semester 2	\$380.00	Compass Event
Optional Instrumental Hire (if selected) per year	\$200.00	Compass Event

Online Subscriptions – These will be added onto Compass as an event for payment.	
Education Perfect – Education Perfect is an online curriculum aligned toolkit of learning.	This will be added to Compass as an event
Stile – Stile is a comprehensive online resource for the subject of science.	This will be added to Compass as an event

Tax Deductible Donations	Amount
Building Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested Amount \$80.00	\$
Library Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested Amount \$80.00	\$
Total Donation Suggested Amount	\$

Parents and Friends Network Membership	Amount
Membership 2026 – If you make payment for this your email address will be forwarded to the PFN for communication purposes. Suggested Amount \$10.00	\$

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$320.00
Other Contributions	\$160.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Compass Events
Tax Deductible Donation	\$
Parents and Friends Network	\$
Total	\$

Further Year 7 school documents are available on Compass
The following Year 7 documentation can be accessed via Compass:- • Click on “Community” icon • Click on “School Documentation” link ○ Year 7 ○ 2026 ○ ACE ○ Booklist ○ Camp ○ Camps, Sport, Excursion Fund (CSEF) ○ Curriculum ○ Immunisation ○ Instrumental Music Program ○ Learning Device ○ Parents and Friends Network ○ Uniform ○ Year 7 2026 Orientation ○ Wellbeing

Year 7 Events 2026 – Further information will be available on Compass

- Swimming Carnival – entry and transport
- Athletics Carnival – entry and transport
- Year 7 Interschool Sport Program
- Year 7 Camp
- Various curriculum excursions

Educational items for students to own

Please refer to information on the Learning Device the school recommends you purchase from Learning with Technologies for your child to individually own and use.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools' Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Debbie Whitehouse, Director of Business - 9807 1333 or debbie.whitehouse@education.vic.gov.au

Parent Payments for Curriculum and Other Contributions

1. **Compass Parent Portal** - Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions, Extra Curricular Contributions (instructions for this, along with your login name and password will be forwarded to parents). Compass Parent Portal will allow you to pay in full, pay in part payments or set up payments monthly, termly or by the semester.
2. **BPAY** - Contact Reception or email us for your Biller Code and Reference number.
3. **In person at Reception** - payment by Cash, EFTPOS (Credit and Savings) during business hours 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday.
4. To pay by credit card, complete the slip below and forward to Reception.

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Student Name:

Home Group:

Please charge my: Visa / Mastercard

Amount \$

Card Expiry Date: ____/____

Cardholder's Name: Signature:

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 whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

School policy stipulates that payments for camps and excursions are non-refundable, as they are based on a group charge. There may be a portion available for refund for example, an entry to the movie where a charge is raised at the time of entry. Personal insurance is optional to protect parents/guardians in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

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 VCE-VM.
- 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.