

Thomastown Secondary College

Parent Payment Arrangements 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please find attached the fee schedule. The Thomastown Secondary College School Council makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents and to this end, has completed a review and approved the voluntary contributions and parent payment charges for 2021. These parent contributions will assist the school with meeting its budgetary requirements and continue to give it the ability of offering a wide range of quality academic and co-curricular programs which meet the diverse needs of our students. The voluntary financial support ensures the College has the materials and facilities to run the programs successfully and that the provision of student wellbeing and support programs, major and minor upgrades to facilities, grounds, and classroom technology is made available for the benefit and engagement of all our students.

Financial Support for Families

Thomastown Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of options to support families in meeting the costs of their children's education, including:

- Camps, Sport, Excursions Fund (<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/csef/Home.aspx>) Application Forms available from the College)
- Second-hand Books available at the College and at North of the Yarra
- State Schools Relief
- Local Community Support Services

Families experiencing financial hardship or are not able to meet full or part payments requested can contact the College for a confidential discussion about accessing these services. To discuss alternative payment arrangements, parents/guardians are invited to contact the Business Manager, Catherine Kelly on 94650844 or via email to thomastown.sc@education.vic.gov.au, regarding their financial situation and related difficulties in making payments, or alternatively can contact the Welfare team for a confidential discussion and information regarding support options.

Payment Methods

To further assist parents with payments, three payment options have been developed:

- Full amount by the beginning of Term 1.
 - Payment arrangements, including individual payment plans, i.e., Centre Pay via Centrelink.

Parents/Guardians will be able to make payments by cash, EFTPOS

Refunds

If a student changes subjects, exits the College, or is unable to attend an excursion, camp or activity and requests a refund, the following process is to be followed:

- Claim for a refund must be in writing and, depending on type of refund, may also require a medical certificate (ie camp).
- All claims must be addressed to the Business Manager who will consult with all stakeholders to ascertain whether a refund or partial refund is applicable.
- If the family has outstanding charges with the College, consideration must be given to the refund being offset against monies owed.
- Refunds will be made via Direct Credit or a credit placed on the family account if under \$10.

Leonie White
Principal

Stevan Kozmevski
School Council President

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child.
Thomastown Secondary College also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Please complete this form and return to the school so the school can prepare accordingly.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount			
	YRS.7&8	YRS.9&10	YRS.11	YRS.12
Art (specialist paper, paint, pastel, ink, charcoal, clay)	15	15		
Athletics Carnival (2 days - buses, entrance fees)	20	20	20	20
Edrolo (VCE ** on-line study program for curriculum delivery)			100	100
Food studies (cooking ingredients)	45	45		
Health/PE/Humanities (Workbook in lieu of textbook)	20	20		
Humanities (Y7&8 paper, paint, wood, wire, plaster; Workbook to supplement textbook)	25	25		
Mathematics (Workbook to supplement textbook)	10	10		
Science (food items; plasticine, boards; Y9 poster paper; Y10 3D construction and printing)	10	10		
School Diary	15	15	15	15
Student ID card	15	15	15	15
TOTAL				

VCE SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

Optional Items

Thomastown Secondary College offers a range of optional items, activities and services that are additional to, or support instruction to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for students. This schedule is not exhaustive as there may be camps, excursions and activities offered throughout the year

Optional Items	Optional	Optional Items	Amount
Biology - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	30.00	Studio Art – e.g., paint, inks, pastels, watercolors, quality paper	60.00
Business Management - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	20.00	Media – equipment hire	60.00
Chemistry - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	30.00	Physical Education – course workbooks	25.00
English - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	40.00	Physics - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	30.00
English as an Additional Language – in lieu of further textbook	40.00	Psychology - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	20.00
Food Studies – student-based recipes ingredients	90.00	Visual Communication & Design – e.g. cartridge/tracing paper	60.00
Health & Human Development – Course workbook	25.00	VCE Course Book	10.00
Information Technology Applied Computing – online resources	35.00		
Languages Arabic- workbooks in lieu of further textbook	30.00		

YEAR 12

YEAR 11

Optional Items	Amount	Optional Items	Amount
Biology - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	30.00	Studio Art – e.g., paint, inks, pastels, watercolors, quality paper	50.00
Business Management - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	20.00	Media – equipment hire	50.00
Chemistry - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	30.00	Physical Education – course workbooks	25.00
English - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	40.00	Physics - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	30.00
English as an Additional Language – in lieu of further textbook	40.00	Psychology - workbooks in lieu of further textbook	20.00
Food Studies – student-based recipes ingredients	90.00	Visual Communication & Design – cartridge/tracing	50.00
Health & Human Development – Course workbook	25.00	VCE Course Book	10.00
Information Technology Applied Computing – online resources	35.00		

Languages Arabic- workbooks in lieu of further textbook	30.00	
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THOMASTOWN SECONDARY COLLEGE 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. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item - General	Amount
YEAR 7-10 camp	To be advised
VCE camp	To be advised
College scarf	\$30
College cap	\$10
College badge	\$10
Sports bag	\$10
College bag	\$30
TOTAL	\$