



THOMASTOWN
SECONDARY COLLEGE

16th November, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thomastown Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Thomastown Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to deliver a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences e.g. enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet; air conditioning and providing assistance to families with demonstrated financial hardship.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ms Leonie White

Principal

Mr. Stevan Kozmevski

School Council President



Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Champion Education (Aust) Pty Ltd. for your child to individually own and use.

Curriculum Contributions-items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 7 Student ID Card	\$15.00
Year 7 Planner	\$15.00
Year 7 Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – Media - Technology (\$14.00) • Food Tech –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta (\$21.00) • Science – chemicals (\$20.00) • Health and Physical Education - equipment (\$30.00) 	\$85.00
Year 7 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$40.00
Year 7 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$25.00
Year 7 Whole school events Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$20.00)	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$200.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria membership	\$5.00
Student wellbeing programs School counsellors, mental health practitioners.	\$20.00
First aid equipment	\$5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$60.00



Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 9 Student ID Card	\$15.00
Year 9 Planner	\$15.00
Year 9 Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – Media - Technology (\$14.00) • Food Tech –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta (\$21.00) • Science – chemicals (\$20.00) • Health and Physical Education - equipment (\$30.00)) 	\$85.00
Year 9 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$40.00
Year 9 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$25.00
Year 9 Whole School Events Athletics carnival - entry and transport	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$200.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria membership	\$5.00
Student wellbeing programs School counsellors, mental health practitioners.	\$20.00
First aid equipment	\$5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$60.00



Curriculum Contributions – Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.	AMOUNT
<i>Year 11</i> <i>Classroom consumables, materials including diary, yearbook, student ID work placement /careers organisation, assessment folder/library and photocopying of additional class materials and subsidised by the College.</i>	\$115.00
TOTAL	\$115.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership</i>	\$5.00
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i> <i>School counsellors, mental health practitioners.</i>	\$20.00
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$5.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$60.00



2024 VCE CURRICULUM ELECTIVES

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED FOR STUDENTS TAKING THESE SUBJECTS

UNIT/SUBJECT	Year 11	Year 12
ART: CREATIVE PRACTICE The booklist provides basic materials. This charge covers the cost of specialist materials which support individual projects i.e. additional specialised paper, board, markers, programs etc.	\$50	\$60
VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN This charge covers the cost of specialist materials and additional equipment which are not part of the booklist.	\$50	\$60
PHYSICAL EDUCATION As well as theory, students participating in VCE PE undertaking practice at various sports venues. This charge covers the cost of excursions and subsidises at VIS for fitness assessment.	\$20	\$30
APPLIED COMPUTING Access to software programs, additional hardware, consumables (toner, paper) and maintenance of specific computers are supported by this charge	\$100	\$100
PHYSICS Covers cost of additional resources and exam materials, excursions as part of compulsory work requirements in this elective	\$50	\$50
CHEMISTRY Covers cost of materials and excursions for work requirements and the use/maintenance of a lab coat	\$50	\$50
BIOLOGY Covers cost of materials and excursions for work requirements in this elective	\$50	\$50
MUSIC CONTEMPORARY PERFORMANCE Includes recording project, replacement and maintenance of equipment, computer software, strings, leads, etc.	\$210	\$220
FOOD STUDIES Covers cost of food, ingredients for production and testing	\$80	\$80
MEDIA Covers cost of programs and media supplies. Access to specialised equipment students would otherwise be required to purchase	\$50	\$60

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 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.