

November 2025

2026 Parent/Carer Payment Arrangements – Year 8

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, 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.

Footscray High School has great expectations for learning that maximises engagement, progress, and achievement for each student. Each year the school will work hard to ensure financial stability whilst keeping contributions to a minimum, making education affordable and accessible for all.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the co-contributions made by our parent/carers community and Government funding. Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs.

The continued financial support from our community has been critical in being able to provide exceptional learning resources and creating a safe and inclusive environment to foster positive student outcomes. Resources that have benefited directly from these generous contributions in 2025 included:

- High-level IT equipment across all campuses
- Year 9 program (Community Enquiry, Eat Well and Bike Hub)
- A range of sports, technology, music & science equipment
- Online subscriptions such as Education Perfect, Edrolo, Maths Pathway, etc.
- Year 7-8 water safety program
- Compass portal

Please note that the Instrument Musical Program and Rowing program are provided on a user-pays basis.

These arrangements have been approved by the School Council and comply with Department of Education guidelines.

Yours sincerely,



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Curriculum Contributions - Voluntary Contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.		Amount
Core Curriculum Subjects	Amount	\$440
Art – Class Materials (Tape, Paint, marker, masking tape, coloured paper), Provision/upkeep of equipment	\$30	
Drama – Makeup, Costumes, Provision/upkeep of plan and equipment, such as moving head fixtures, QLab licence	\$25	
Food Studies – Food Ingredients for Practical Sessions, Provision/upkeep of equipment	\$120	
Health & Physical Education - Provision/upkeep of HPE equipment	\$25	
Music - Provision/upkeep of music equipment, Class materials and Google app for classroom music	\$25	
Science – Chemicals, practical items, RiskAssess, Provision & upkeep of equipment, Learning activities, Events and Resources for assessments.	\$25	
Community - Printing and photocopying of worksheets, Learning materials and Assessments.	\$25	
Digital Technology - Provision of equipment, Printing and photocopying of worksheets, Learning materials, and Assessments.	\$30	
English - PAT testing Comprehension, Printing and photocopying of worksheets and Learning materials, Assessments	\$25	
Humanities - Software for Virtual Reality, Printing and photocopying of worksheets and Learning materials, Assessments	\$25	
Mathematics - PAT testing Numeracy, Printing and photocopying of worksheets and Learning materials, Assessments, Provision of equipment	\$30	
Social and Emotional Education - Printing and photocopying of worksheets and Learning materials, Assessments, and Provision of equipment	\$25	
Technology - Provision of equipment, Printing and photocopying of worksheets and Learning materials, Assessments	\$30	
Elective Subjects	Amount	
Japanese – Materials/resources for language activities, Games, and Language week activities	\$25	
Italian – Materials/resources for language activities, Games, and Language week activities	\$25	
Literacy - Printing and photocopying of worksheets and Learning materials, Assessments	\$25	
Extension English - Printing and photocopying of worksheets, Learning materials and Assessments.	\$25	
Extension Maths - Printing and photocopying of worksheets, Learning materials and Assessments.	\$25	

Student Resources, Infrastructure & Programs	Amount	\$180
Student ID	\$15	
Provision and upkeep of ICT infrastructure	\$70	
Year 7-8 Water Safety Swimming Program	\$60	
Curriculum Activities paid by the school (incursions and excursions)	\$35	
Online Subscriptions (Paid through the JP Books Booklist)	Amount	
Education Perfect Languages (Italian/Japanese)	\$33.30	
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$XXX	

Other Contributions - Voluntary Contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student Wellbeing Program (Social Emotional Education)	\$15
Library Maintenance and Enhancement	\$15
Interschool Sports I.e. School Sports Victoria Membership, Maribyrnong Division costs	\$15
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$15
Student and Parent Communication Tools i.e., Compass	\$15
Total Other Contributions	\$75

Educational items for students to own

All families will receive a link to JP Books with the booklist indicating items recommended for each subject that we encourage you to purchase. Please follow the instructions per the link provided.

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

Footscray High School offers a range of extra-curricular 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. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Instrumental Music Program Lessons (Payment to be completed by Friday, February 20 th , 2026) - Early bird discount of 20% enrolment and paid before Friday, December 12th, 2025.	\$500 or \$400 Early Bird
Instrument Music Program – Instrument Hire	\$150

Year 8 Camp	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$XXX

Tax Deductible Building Fund Contribution (Voluntary)	Amount
We invite you to make a tax-deductible donation into our Building Fund to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$200 or \$..... Nominated Amount
Total Tax-Deductible Building Fund Contribution	\$XXX

Tax Deductible Library Fund Contribution (Voluntary)	Amount
We invite you to make a tax-deductible donation into our Library Fund to support purchasing new books, computer software and hardware and library furniture such as bookshelves and displays.	\$200 or \$..... Nominated Amount
Total Tax-Deductible Library Fund Contribution	\$XXX

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Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$XXX
Other Contributions	\$75
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$XXX
Tax Deductible Building Fund Contribution	\$XXX
Tax Deductible Library Fund Contribution	\$XXX
Total	\$XXX

Financial Support for Families

Footscray High School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum to ensure these are affordable for families. We understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports, and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Students 16 years and over are also eligible to apply for themselves if they hold a valid health care card. Eligible secondary school students receive a payment of \$256 per year. These payments are made directly to the school and are attached to the student.

<https://content.sdp.education.vic.gov.au/media/csef-financial-assistance-information-parents-1357>

- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Establishing individual/flexible payment plans. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Business Manager at 9112 9500 or finance@footscray.vic.edu.au

Payment Methods

Payments will be accepted via Compass Portal; access will be provided or EFTPOS payment at the Office (8.30 am - 4.00 pm)

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are 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. If the school decides to provide a refund, then parents/carers need to agree and advise the school where the refund should be paid. If that agreement cannot be reached, the refund is usually paid into the account from which the money came. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached or visit the website directly. [Parent Payments: Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.