



UPPER YARRA
SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A sincere welcome to students and their families for 2018. This letter and the enclosed attachments, provide you with essential information regarding school fees at Upper Yarra Secondary College. We ask that you read all this information carefully and contact us if you have any queries.

Whilst the Government provides funding for the provision of a basic curriculum, the College relies on parents' contributions for materials to fund the many essential extras required to provide the best possible education for our students. As a school, our priority is to afford all our students great opportunities, therefore it is essential, parents pay all charges applicable to their child's selected program.

We have made some significant changes to the fee structure for 2018, including reducing The Essential Education Items total amount, discounts for paying early and further discounts for families with a valid Healthcare card.

While every effort is made to keep these fees as low as possible, the school needs your assistance to continue to ensure we are able to offer, and further improve the educational opportunities at Upper Yarra Secondary College.

Should you have any concerns regarding payment, please do not hesitate to contact Alicia Spencer Business Manager or alternatively myself.

Regards,

Scott Tully
Principal

2018 Essential Education Items

The charges are as follows:

	Suggested Voluntary Contributions			
	Essential Education Items	Buildings & Grounds	Library	Sub Total
Year 7	\$ 380.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 435.00
Year 8	\$ 360.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 415.00
Year 9	\$ 260.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 315.00
Year 10	\$ 260.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 315.00
Year 11	\$ 225.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 280.00
Year 12	\$ 225.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 280.00

Early Payment Discount - A \$20 discount is offered to payments of the Essential Education.

Upon presentation of a valid Healthcare card, a discount of \$50 per child will be given.

Electives for Years 9-12 - Must be paid to participate in Practical Activities - To be paid by 28th February 2018

Year 9/10	Food Technology	\$ 85.00	<i>Per Semester</i>
	Product Design & Technology	\$ 40.00	<i>Per Subject Per Semester</i>
	The Arts	\$ 20.00	<i>Per Subject Per Semester</i>
	Outdoor Education	\$ 80.00	<i>Per Semester</i>
Year 11	Food Technology	\$ 190.00	<i>Per Year</i>
	The Arts	\$ 80.00	<i>Per Subject Per Year</i>
	Product Design & Technology	\$ 50.00	<i>Per Year</i>
*** Yr 11 and 12 Design Tech buy own Materials (eg. Wood) - our charge is to cover glue/screws/drawing equip/stains/glosses etc.			
Year 12	Food Technology	\$ 230.00	<i>Per Year</i>
	The Arts	\$ 80.00	<i>Per Subject Per Year</i>
	Product Design & Technology	\$ 50.00	<i>Per Year</i>
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Whole School	Instrumental Music	\$ 50.00	<i>Per Semester</i>
	Instrument Hire	\$ 50.00	<i>Per Semester</i>

VETis A deposit of 50% of the required fee is due by 5th December 2017 and the remainder by Friday 5th March 2018.

Yarra Valley VET Cluster Venues and Fees 2018 have been sent - Payment Direct to UYSC

Essential Education Items are those which parents and guardians are **required** to provide or pay the school to provide for their child.

Voluntary Contributions for **Building & Grounds** will be used to help maintain and improve Upper Yarra Secondary College Buildings and Grounds. **Library** payments will go towards purchasing new books for the Library. Any contribution that you are able to make will be gratefully received and would represent support for both current and future generations of Upper Yarra Secondary College. These contributions are approved by the Australian Taxation Office and are Tax Deductable.

The following payment options available:

- **Bpay** – Payment made through your internet banking institution using a unique reference number provided by the Business Office.
- **Centrepay** – Regular nominated amounts deducted via Centrelink Payments.
- **In Person** – at the Business Office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS
- **Compass** – Payments in full or payment plans are available, please call the Business Office if you require assistance 5967 1877 or make an appointment with the Business Manager, to discuss alternative arrangements.

Family Support Options:

- **CSEF** – Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding, available to eligible concession card holders.
- **States School Relief** – Every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of CSEF automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack.

Consideration of Hardship Alternative payment options are available through the school and parents are encouraged to make an appointment with the Business Manager, to discuss circumstances and available options.