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SECONDARY COLLEGE
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Upper Yarra Secondary College School Council a sincere welcome to students and their families for 2021. This letter and the enclosed attachments, provide you with essential information regarding the Essential Education Items levy 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.

As a result of the significant number of families supporting the College by paying their Essential Education Items in 2020, we have been able to prevent any increase to the levy in 2021. We continue to offer 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 education 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

Keri Morris
School Council President

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YEAR 8 2021

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Year 8	Essential Education Items/Optional Items/Voluntary Items	Voluntary Contributions		$440.00
		Library	Building and Grounds	
	$385.00	$25.00	$30.00	

Essential Education Items/Optional Items/Voluntary Items

These include items that students take permanent possession of, materials for final products that students take home and curriculum-related activities that students participate in. It also includes items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum such as:

- The College Planner
- SunSmart College Cap – if not received one last year (*Collected from UYSC Office)*
- I.D. Card/Bus Pass/School Bus
- School Events
- Extra-curricular activities – Year level BBQs, guest speakers
- Sports Carnivals/Inter-school Sport levies
- *Connections* Annual Magazine
- Consumable materials for Art/Food Studies - paint and craft materials for Art/Design Technology, cooking ingredients that students will consume
- Workbooks and Stationery
- General contributions towards classroom materials, resources and school equipment
- Compass Parent Portal and Notifications

Voluntary Contributions (*Tax Deductible*)

Contributions are gratefully received, and support both current and future Upper Yarra Secondary College students. Contributions are approved by the Australian Taxation Office and are Tax Deductible.

- **Building and Grounds Donations** help to maintain and improve Upper Yarra Secondary College Buildings and Grounds. In 2020 this money contributed to the upgrade of state of the art sound and lighting in the Theatre.
- **Library Donations** help to purchase new books.

Extracurricular Activities

- **Instrumental Music Lessons** Approximately $150 for the year. Consent and payment authorisation forms are provided early in Term 1.

Payment of

YEAR 8 2021 Essential Education Items & Voluntary Contributions

Essential Education Items	**$385.00**	**$385.00**_____
Voluntary Buildings & Grounds Donation	**$30.00**	**$**_____
Voluntary Library Donation	**$25.00**	**$**_____
***Discount (if applicable)**		**-$**_____
Minus Credit on School Account (if applicable)		**-$**_____
	Total	**$**_____

**Early Payment Discount - A $20 discount is offered if the Essential Education Items are paid in full prior to the end of the 2020 school year*

**Upon presentation of a valid Healthcare Card an additional discount of $50 per child will be given*

Note: if you would like pay the above by installments the *total* will be divided into 4 equal installments to be debited from your credit card on **28th January, 22nd April, 15th July and 7th October 2021**. Alternative payment installment arrangements can be made by contacting the Finance Team on 5967 1877 (Option 3).

We also have a number of payment options available:

- **Bpay** – Payment made through your internet banking institution using a unique reference number provided by the Finance Team
- **Centrepay** – Regular nominated amounts deducted via Centrelink Payments
- **In Person** – at the UYSC Office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS
- **Compass** – Payment in full or payment plans are available in Compass. Please call the Finance Team if you require assistance 5967 1877 (Option 3).

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Name of student/s: _____

(Please tick) ☐ Visa Card ☐ MasterCard

Card Number:

Expiry Date: | | | / | | | CVV: | | | |

Name of Card Holder: _____

Signature: _____

Paying in Full ☐ **Paying by Installments** ☐

Please contact us if you would like another arrangement or to discuss your financial situation.