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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Upper Yarra Secondary College School Council a sincere welcome to new students and their families and all our returning families for 2026. This letter and the enclosed attachments, provide you with essential information regarding the *Parent Payments* for 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. It is our priority, as a school to afford all our students' great opportunities, therefore it is essential, parents pay all charges applicable to their child's selected program.

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

Further information regarding The Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy can be found on our school website.

Should you have any concerns regarding payment, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department at the College.

Regards,

Scott Tully
Principal

Lincoln Wilson
School Council President

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YEAR 9 2026 - Parent Payments

Year 9	Curriculum Contributions $390.00	Other Contributions $55.00	$445.00

Curriculum Contributions

These include contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum and for non-curriculum items that relate to the schools' functions and objectives. These include:

Classroom Consumables, materials & equipment	**$160.00**
Printing & Photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	**$100.00**
Peripherals and ICT	**$30.00**
Student ID Card	**$10.00**
School Sport Vic Membership	**$20.00**
Whole School Events	**$40.00**
School Magazine/Yearbook	**$20.00**
Locker Hire/Maintenance	**$10.00**

Other Contributions

Contributions are gratefully received, and support both current and future Upper Yarra Secondary College students.

Building and Grounds Fund A contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure	**$30.00**
Student Welfare Fund A contribution to support students in need to purchase books/uniform etc and will be reviewed/handled by the Student Welfare Team	**$25.00**

Extracurricular Items and Activities

Upper Yarra Secondary College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. The below will be optional and can be paid before attending event/purchasing. Charges (TBA) will be added to Compass Portal in 2026.

- **Optional Year 9 Camp** More information is provided in 2026. *Camps, Sports, and Excursion Funding* can be used towards this camp.
- **Optional Year 9 Instrumental Music Lessons** Approximately $120 for the year (per instrument) which includes a $60 instrument hire fee and a $60 tuition fee. Consent and payment authorisation forms are provided early in Term 1.
- **Optional Year 9 Interschool Sports Program** Approximately $15 per Sport/Event
- **Outdoor Education Elective** – Camps/Excursions costs approximately $250 per semester (*CSEF* can be used)
- **Food Tech –** A materials charge, for additional cooking ingredients, will be added to Compass early 2026 (estimated around $40 per semester)
- **Other Optional Year 9 Camps and Excursions to be scheduled.**

Financial Support for Families

Upper Yarra Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund *(CSEF)* is available to eligible concession card holders. Please collect and return the form (only for new applications or transfers) to the UYSC Office with a copy of your Health Care Card.
- Flexible Payment Arrangements (by set amounts as advised in Compass or alternative arrangements as arranged with the Business Manager)
- All Families will be given plenty of time to arrange payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Alicia Spencer *(Business Manager)* or **Scott Tully** *(Principal)*

Ph: 03 *5967 1877* | Email: *Alicia.spencer@education.vic.gov.au*

Refunds for Families

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and 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.

Payment of

YEAR 9 2026 – Parent Payments

Curriculum Contributions	**$390.00**	**$390.00**_____
Buildings & Grounds Fund	**$30.00**	**$**_____
Student Welfare Fund	**$25.00**	**$**_____
**Discount of $20 if paid in full by 31st January 2026*		**-$**_____
	Total	**$**_____

Payment arrangements and methods

2026 School approved contributions are available to pay on Compass and is Upper Yarra Secondary College's preferred method of payment.

Parents will be provided with early notification of annual payment requests. Reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year (i.e. excursions on Compass).

We also have a number of payment options available:

- **Compass** – Payment in full or payment plans are available in Compass.
- **In Person** – at the UYSC Office by cash or EFTPOS
- **Bpay** – Payment made through your internet banking institution using a unique reference number provided by the Finance Team
- **Bank Transfer** – Payment directly to UYSC Bank Account with Student Name as Reference – BSB 063000 Account Number 1417 9069
- **Centrepay** – Regular nominated amounts deducted via Centrelink Payments
- Alternative payment installment arrangements can be made by contacting the Finance Team on 5967 1877 (Option 3).

Name of student/s: _____

(Please tick) ☐ Visa Card ☐ MasterCard

Card Number:

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

Name of Card Holder:_____

Signature:_____

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