



Dear parent/guardian,

Gladstone Park Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Gladstone Park Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, over the years this support has allowed us to;

- Maintain our high specification technology equipment and updates such as cameras, computing equipment and STEM resources.
- Teaching materials such as class sets of books, poster paper, software, equipment and shared classroom consumables.
- Maintain our industry standard Performing Arts facilities and programs such as School Musical Production, Music concerts and dance and drama performances.
- Enrichment programs such as lunchtime clubs including, board games/ homework, Art, Science, Minecraft, Car, Fitness, Debating, Music, Badminton and Running club.
- Additional teaching and support staff involved in programs such as after school tutoring, careers counselling and student support services.
- Extensive library resources including maintaining a varied and up-to-date range of young adult fiction.
- A wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences such as the Immersion, SEAL and Vocational Major programs, and a breadth of extra-curricular programs.

Please find below Gladstone Park Secondary Colleges voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2025, which includes an overview of what your support will contribute towards.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview at the bottom of this document.

Yours sincerely,

Veronica Hoy

College Principal

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School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Student Curriculum Contributions	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Student planner – printing (years 7 – 12)	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials (year 7-12)	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Scientific calculator (year 11-12)					\$225	\$225
Numeracy booklet – printing (year 7)	\$25					
Food Technology workbook – printing (year 8)		\$17				
PE Specialist booklet – printing (year 10)				\$28		
Health and Human Development booklet – printing (year 10)				\$25		
Food Technology - food and ingredients (year 8-12)		\$90	\$100	\$120	\$200	\$200
Art – Creative Practice – Art – equipment, paint, paper (year 11-12)					\$30	\$30
Art / Architectural VCD – software, paper, equipment (year 10)				\$35		
Art / Photography – equipment, SD cards, paper, cameras (year 10-12)				\$30	\$120	\$150
Art / VCD – software, paper, equipment (year 9-12)			\$18	\$25	\$30	\$30
Media – equipment, software (year 10-12)				\$10	\$20	\$25
Textiles - Product, Design & Technology – equipment, fabric (year 9-10)			\$30	\$25		
Athletics Carnival – entry and transport (\$10)	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Student Facilities Contributions	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
School Sports Victoria membership	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
After school tutoring program	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
First aid equipment	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25

Educational items for students to own

The 2025 booklists contain items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use. You can order these booklist items for delivery to your home through our third party provider, [North of the Yarra](#).

To order you will need the **school code** and **password** detailed on your booklist.

The booklist link will be sent via Compass after Course Confirmation on Thursday 28th November and will also be available on the school's website.

Year 7 booklists will be available after Transition on Tuesday 10th December.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Gladstone Park 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis, please ensure payment is made to the school by date posted for the activity.

These items and various activities will be added Events on Compass. You can opt in and make payment as they are published throughout the year.

Payments can be made from Monday 2nd December

The General Office will close at 12:00pm on Friday 20th December 2024 and reopen at 08:00am on Tuesday 28th January 2025.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Swimming Carnival – entry and transport	\$10	
Year 7 Camp <i>(the sub school will communicate about camp organisation and attendance separately)</i>	TBA	
Year 8 Camp <i>(the sub school will communicate about camp organisation and attendance separately)</i>	TBA	
Year 9 Camp <i>(the sub school will communicate about camp organisation and attendance separately)</i>	TBA	
Year 10 Camp <i>(the sub school will communicate about camp organisation and attendance separately)</i>	TBA	
Year 11 Camp <i>(the sub school will communicate about camp organisation and attendance separately)</i>	TBA	
Musical Rehearsal Camp (students involved in the production)	TBA	
Year 7 Band (year 7 band participants)	\$120	
Instrument Hire (years 7 – 10)	\$120	
Vocal Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$300	
Guitar – Group Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$500	
Guitar – Private Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$800	
Piano – Group Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$500	
Drums – Group Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$500	

School yearbook (years 7 – 12)	\$25	
Year 12 T-shirt	TBA	
Year 12 Jumper	TBA	
Year 10 Social	TBA	
Year 12 Graduation Dinner	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of eligible children.

An application form including eligibility criteria is available at [CSEF Application Form](#), or from the school.

You will need to submit the completed application form along with a copy of your current Health Care card to the school by the closing date.

If you have any queries relating to eligibility and funding of CSEF please contact the school on 9933 0500.

- **State Schools Relief**

You may in some circumstances be able to access assistance from State Schools' Relief.

You may receive free or discounted new school uniforms, school shoes and textbooks if you are facing:

- health issues resulting in serious financial difficulty
- house fires where school clothing is lost
- natural disasters, or
- serious financial difficulty

You should talk to the school if you wish to access the assistance of State schools' Relief.

- **Donated Uniform Items**

There is access to donated school uniform items and other provisions held at the school.

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

Christine Simmons or Janine Thomas on 03 9933 0500 or email gladstone.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au.

The following government provided services may also be of assistance.

- **Commonwealth Government Support**
You can use the [payment and service finder](#) to see if you are eligible for support from the Commonwealth government.
- **Government Funded Support Programs – Student Scholarships**
You can access information about a [range of student scholarships](#) here.

Payment methods

Curriculum Contributions schedule:

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Gladstone Park Secondary College. Parents are strongly encouraged to contribute to these funds and can be paid via:

- Compass Parent Portal – Preferred Method
- EFTPOS – By phone 09 9933 0500 or in person at the general office
- Cash – in person at the general office

Students studying Maths in 2025 in Year 10 or VCE (except Foundation Maths) will be using the Texas T-INSPIRECX II CAS calculator. Other versions of the calculator cannot be used in the current courses.

Booklists:

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The Sustainable School Shop

Information about the Sustainable School Shop, who offer an online facility for families to be able to recycle textbooks and other student resources, including uniform items, is available at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au or you can call them on 1300 683 337.

If you would prefer to donate your uniform items no longer in use, our Student Services staff will gladly pass these onto children in less fortunate circumstances.

Please give them to current students to drop off for you at the Student Reception desk. Thank you in anticipation!

Refunds

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.

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 in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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.