



## School Council Parent Payments 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Rowville Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Rowville Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the upgrade of our Year 7 Centre; faster WIFI and internet including enhanced digital security, accessible and secure locker bays, expansion of the CCTV coverage for student safety, additional IT, grounds, and student services support staff.

Department of education guidelines now mandate that schools are **UNABLE** to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

**Julie Kennedy**  
Principal

**Gavin Nash**  
School Council President

**ROWVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE**  
**Optional Enhancement Programs RSA, RIA & MSA**

We need to advise you that all families will need to pay the expected School Council Payments for RSA, RIA & MSA to maintain their place in the program.

**Rowville Sports Academy (RSA) 2023**

Extra-Curricular activities that are alternative and additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum.  
 These are provided on a user-pays basis.

RSA PROGRAM	Category	Year level					
		7	8	9	10	11	12
Basketball	Extra-Curricular	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Cricket	Extra-Curricular	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Football	Extra-Curricular	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Golf	Extra-Curricular	5800	5800	5800	5800	5800	5800
Netball	Extra-Curricular	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Tennis	Extra-Curricular	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000
Volleyball	Extra-Curricular	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800

**Rowville Institute of the Arts (RIA) 2023**

Extra-Curricular activities that are alternative/ additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum.  
 These are provided on a user-pays basis.

RIA PROGRAM	Category	Year level					
		7	8	9	10	11	12
Music	Extra-Curricular	1500	1500	1500	1500	1575	1575
Drama	Extra-Curricular	1500	1500	1425	1425	1425	1425
Dance	Extra-Curricular	1650	1650	1650	1775	1650	1650
Media	Extra-Curricular	1500	1500	1425	1425	1425	1425
Visual Arts	Extra-Curricular	1500	1500	1425	1425	1425	1425

**Maths & Science Academy (MSA) 2023**

Extra-Curricular activities that are alternative/ additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum.  
 These are provided on a user-pays basis.

MSA	Category	7	8	9	10
		Extra-Curricular	1200	1200	1200

## 2023 YEAR 8

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Student ID Card</i>	\$ 15
<p><i>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Art – acrylic paint, fine liners, lino block, oil pastels, canvas, coloured paper (\$126)</i></li> <li>• <i>Technology –Steel rod, corflute, superglue, tapes, wheels (\$76)</i></li> <li>• <i>Drama – costumes, sound/lighting, scripts (\$25)</i></li> <li>• <i>Humanities – photocopy booklets, handouts (\$14)</i></li> <li>• <i>Music -instrument hire, copy right material, headphone hire (\$33)</i></li> </ul>	\$274
<p><i>Essential Excursions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>KIOSC (Knox Innovation Opportunity and Sustainability Centre)</i> A joint initiative of the secondary schools in the city of Knox and Swinburne University of Technology. It is a high-tech learning centre situated at Swinburne Wantirna Campus that focuses on environmentally sustainable skills and technologies.</li> </ul>	\$25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ICT Devices – maintenance, device configuration, service costs</i></li> </ul>	\$80
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></li> </ul>	\$25
<p><i>Whole school events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$15)</i></li> <li>• <i>Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$15)</i></li> </ul>	\$30
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership</i>	\$16
<i>Student wellbeing programs – connect ed, learning mentor sessions</i>	\$30
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$60
<i>Locker Hire</i>	\$20
<i>Enhanced Digital Safety and Internet capabilities</i>	\$100
<i>Grounds Fund</i>	\$30
Tax deductible contributions	
<b><i>Building fund.</i></b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	\$100
<b><i>Library fund.</i></b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>	\$25
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$830</b>

## Educational items for students to own

Attached is a link to the booklists that the school recommends you purchase from Campion for your child to individually own and use.

Booklists provided by Campion can be found on our [website](#).

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Rowville 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. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please refer to the links below for further information. Students who have been accepted into our optional enhancement specialist programs please refer to the payment schedule attached.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities - These are provided on a user-pays basis.	Amount
<b><i>Optional enhancement programs</i></b>	
<i>Rowville Sports Academy (RSA)</i>	Payment Schedule attached
<i>Rowville Institute of Arts (RIA)</i>	
<i>Maths &amp; Science Academy (MSA)</i>	
<i>Optional School magazine/ yearbook</i>	\$20
<i>Optional Year 8 Interschool Sports program</i>	\$TBA
<i>Optional Year 8 private instrumental music lessons and instrument hire</i>	\$TBA
Other optional Year 8 camps and excursions to be scheduled	\$TBA
<b>Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	

## **Financial Support for Families**

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

**Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Health Care Card Holders** – [click here](#)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: our accounts receivable team on 03 9755 4555 or Email: [schoolfees@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au](mailto:schoolfees@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au)

### **For your own safety please do not send credit card details via email**

#### **Payment methods**

- EFTPOS payment at general office
- COMPASS – Full payment or payment arrangement  
Please use your parent login to make payment
- Direct deposit to the school's bank account  
Commonwealth bank: **BSB 063 626 Account: 1002 8463 Reference STUDENT ID**
- BPay – please contact the office for your unique BPay reference

#### **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:

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>
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.