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PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS – INCLUDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Rowville Secondary College for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Rowville Secondary College offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school.

Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact our accounts receivable team on 03 9755 4501 or Email: schoolfees@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 03 9755 4555. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached.

You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

Nicole Pryor

Principal

Justin Seddon

School Council President

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Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.
We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary Contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	**$500**	**$**

Tax-deductible Voluntary Contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary - Building fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support renovations and upgrades of school infrastructure	**$130**	**$**
Voluntary - Library fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support library maintenance and enhancements	**$50**	**$**

Extra-curricular items and activities

Rowville Secondary College also offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example of extra-curricular items and activities include:

- Enhancement Programs; including RSA, RIA & MSA
- Optional activities, camps, excursions, incursions and programs
- School photos
- Social events including School Formal, Presentation Ball, End of year events and Graduation function (All Costs - TBA)

We have provided confirmed or indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below. Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made now or later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

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Optional Enhancement Programs RSA, RIA & MSA

We need to advise you that families will need to pay the School Council Payments for students participating in RSA, RIA & MSA to maintain their place in the program, the Extra-curricular charges are listed below.

Rowville Sports Academy (RSA) 2027

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	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12
AFL	Extra-Curricular	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050
Basketball	Extra-Curricular	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050
Football	Extra-Curricular	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050
Netball	Extra-Curricular	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050
Volleyball	Extra-Curricular	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050	$2,050
Cricket	Extra-Curricular	$2,300	$2,300	$2,300	$2,300	$2,300	$2,300
Tennis	Extra-Curricular	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200
Golf	Extra-Curricular	$6,200	$6,200	$6,200	$6,200	$6,200	$6,200

Rowville Institute of the Arts (RIA) 2027

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

RIA Program	Category	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12
Music	Extra-Curricular	$1,590	$1,590	$1,690	$1,690	$1,640	$1,640
Drama	Extra-Curricular	$1,590	$1,590	$1,690	$1,690	$1,640	$1,640
Dance	Extra-Curricular	$1,590	$1,590	$1,690	$1,690	$1,640	$1,640
Media	Extra-Curricular	$1,590	$1,590	$1,690	$1,690	$1,640	$1,640
Visual Arts	Extra-Curricular	$1,590	$1,590	$1,690	$1,690	$1,640	$1,640

Maths & Science Academy (MSA) 2027

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	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12
MSA	Extra-Curricular	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200

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Optional activities, camps, excursions and programs

Extra-curricular items and activities, These are provided on a user-pays basis.	Indicative cost	Confirmed cost (where known)
Optional enhancement programs Rowville Sports Academy (RSA) Rowville Institute of Arts (RIA) Maths & Science Academy (MSA)		**Refer to the payment schedule on page 3**
Year 7 camp – [Early Term 1, 2027]		**$590**
Optional Interschool Sports program; SSV Annual Membership (per student) SSV Transport Costs (per event)	 **$17** **$20**	
Optional private instrumental music lessons and instrument hire	**$ TBA**	
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	**$ TBA**	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Learning materials for students to own

Booklist items:

You can choose to buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier.

Rowville Secondary College has an arrangement with the following supplier for the materials that you can buy; Lilydale Books.

If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis. If you wish to buy items through the supplier, please go to: https://www.lilydalebooks.com.au/schools/rowville-secondary-college and the recommended list will be provided and published on our website when finalised.

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Digital subscriptions:

Rowville Secondary College uses the below digital subscriptions for learning. You can buy a subscription directly if you want:

- **Years 7-10 (All Programs)** – **Education Perfect** can be purchased through the booklist supplier Lilydale Books for $84.70 (or pay $77 on EP Payment Portal, available only from 1 Feb 2027 onwards)
- **Years 11-12 (Foundation Maths / SBAT Numeracy)** – **Education Perfect** can be purchased through the booklist supplier Lilydale Books for $35.20 (or pay $32 on EP Payment Portal, available only from 1 Feb 2027 onwards)
- **Years 11-12 (Physical Education)** – **EDROLO** subscription paid directly through EDROLO account for $35

If you do not buy a subscription, your child will be provided with access to what they need for their learning.

Digital devices:

Rowville Secondary College uses digital devices to support learning. You are able to buy or lease a device for your child to own. If you do not buy or lease a device, your child will be provided with access as they need for their learning, but it may not be one-to-one, to take home, or to keep.

You can find information about the digital devices our school recommends, including minimum device specifications, on the school website **https://www.rowvillesc.vic.edu.au/learning-for-life/booklists-laptops/**

You can buy the digital device from **JB HiFi Education** **with prices ranging from $899 to $2,890 including GST.** You can also buy a device meeting these specifications from any other retailer.

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Financial help for families

Rowville Secondary College understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.

- **Affordable School Uniforms** - delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.

- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact our accounts receivable team on 03 9755 4501 or Email: schoolfees@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au

Payment methods

Rowville Secondary College contributions are outlined in our Compass payment portal for each student. Payment methods include the Compass Portal (using a credit card via Contributions tab), over the phone via credit card, or in person by credit card or cash at the school administration office (both campuses).

If you want to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can:
- decide when to make each contribution
- choose the amount of each contribution

If you would like to pay for extra-curricular items and activities through instalments, please use the recurring payment process in the Event portal within Compass.

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 of Education's Parent Contributions policy and guidance, Financial Help for Families policy and any other relevant information.

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Parent Contributions policy

Information for families



FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.



FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided from home, schools will provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.

Parent Contribution arrangements – Rowville Secondary School website: Rowville Secondary College - Department for Education
Department of Education, Parent Contribution Policy: Parent Contributions policy