

Wednesday 17 December 2008

2009 PARENT PAYMENTS

Dear Parents / Guardians,

College Council approved the Parent Payments at Edenhope College for 2009 at its meeting on 11 December. The 2009 Parent Payments reflect the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's revised '*Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools Policy*', released in August 2008, and Circular S300-2008, dated 22 August 2008.

School Councils can request payments from parents for student materials and services charges, and for voluntary financial contributions. These payments fall into three categories:

1. Essential Education Items

Essential education items are those items used in the course of instruction in the *standard curriculum program* that parents / guardians are responsible for and are **required** to provide or pay the school to provide for their child. These items include:

- textbooks and stationery
- school uniform
- materials for learning and teaching where the student consumes or takes possession of the finalised articles (e.g. food and wood technology, photography, art)
- costs associated with camps and excursions that all students are expected to attend.

2. Optional Extras

Optional extras are offered to all students on a **user-pays** basis. Parents/guardians will be required to pay for them if they choose for their child to access or participate in them. These items include:

- instrumental music tuition
- hire of musical instruments
- school-based performances, productions and events e.g. Musical / Drama Productions, Debutante Ball
- the use of more expensive materials e.g. photography paper or a special type of wood
- Year Book.

3. Voluntary Financial Contributions

Parents/guardians may be invited to make a **donation** to the school. For example:

- contributions to a Building, Grounds Beautification and/or a Library Fund
- contributions for a specific purpose identified by the school in addition to those funded by the Government e.g. additional computers
- general voluntary financial contributions or donations to the school.

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VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION – Parents are invited to make a donation:

Building Fund Years Prep – 12 \$30

Tax Deductible – Edenhope College Building Fund Role ID: 762604411

In 2008, your donation went towards the refurbishment of the Pottery Studio. Thank you.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS – Parents are required please to pay the following costs:

Learning and Teaching Materials

Years Prep – 6	\$110
Year 5	\$52 – lease cost of POD (personal optimized device)
Years 7 and 8	\$200
Year 9	\$100 plus two elective charges per semester
Year 10	\$90 plus three elective charges per semester
VCE	\$80 for Studio Arts, Chemistry, Biology \$60 for Physics \$150 for DECV studies \$40 for all other studies
VET	Engineering \$95 Automotive \$80 Hospitality \$150 Building & Construction \$140 Community Services \$100

Year 7 Camp Year 7 \$90 *Thursday 19 February & Friday 20 February*

Cultural Performances Years P – 12 \$20

Internet Access Years 5 – 9 \$10

Years 10 – 12 \$15

Print Levy Years 5 – 9 \$10

Years 10 – 12 \$15

Student Diary Years 5 – 9 \$6

Years 10 – 12 \$10

Booklist Requirements Years 7 – 12 Edenhope Newsagency

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Parents are required to pay the following cost if they choose for their child to hire a musical instrument:

Music Instrument Hire \$120

Parents may choose to pay the following costs:

Parents' Club Membership \$5

2009 Year Book \$27.50

DATES FOR PAYMENT

Parent Payments are to be made at the **College Office** during the first week of the 2009 school year, from **Wednesday 28 January to Friday 30 January**. While payment of the Voluntary Financial Contribution would be preferred at the beginning of the year with payments for Essential Education Items and Optional Extras, this donation may be paid at any time during the year.

For parents of students in Years 9 and 10, the Semester One elective payment is to be made by **Friday 30 January**. Payment for Semester Two electives may be deferred until Friday 29 May 2009 in order to spread the financial burden. Where payment has not been made for students in high cost electives by the due date, the student will be moved into a lower cost or no cost elective.

Please don't hesitate to contact Marian McDonnell – Bursar or me with any queries, or if you would like to establish an instalment plan. Thank you for your support for our school.

Yours faithfully,

*Please note: Information about the 2009 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) was included in Whytalla No. 40 on 12 December. Copies of Whytalla and EMA Application Forms are available from the College Office. They must be submitted to the College Office by **Friday 27 February**.*

LYNDEN FIELDING
Principal