

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian

As the end of this strange year draws to a close, we look forward to a great, uninterrupted year of teaching and learning next year, and would like to advise you of Gladstone Park Secondary College's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Books & Booklists

The Student Planner, Pastoral Care workbook, Health & Human Development books and some VCAL material are now sold by the school directly and not available through the booklist.

Students studying Maths next year in Year 10 or VCE (except Foundation maths) will need to purchase (or retain) the Texas TINSPIRECX II CAS calculator. These are available directly through the school at a significantly reduced cost of \$225. Other versions of the calculator will not be able to be used in the current courses.

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!

Booklists

Booklists will be available shortly. You can shop for booklist items yourself, or for your convenience, have your booklists filled by our supplier, [North of the Yarra](#).

Financial Support for Families

Gladstone Park Secondary College makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

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.

- **Instalment Payment Plan**

Payment by instalment is welcome and can be arranged by phone on 9933 0500, or by email gladstone.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au with a subject line of **Instalment Payment plan request**.

- **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.

- **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

Booklists:

Through an abundance of caution the school council has decided against holding a booklist collection day in 2021.

Instead, you can order your booklist items for delivery to your home through our bookseller, [North of the Yarra](#).

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

Fee schedule items:

Please find the fee schedule for all year levels below.

Please pay for your applicable fee schedule items through the Compass Parent Portal by **Wednesday 20th January 2021**. This will allow our staff time to process your payment and to prepare and pack your items.

Your child's items will be delivered to them at school in the first full school week of 2021.

Refunds

Refunds of fees and charges will be available in some circumstances and on a case by case basis eg where a camp or excursion does not go ahead, or a student exits the school part way through the year.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see parent information at [School Costs and Fees](#).

Yours sincerely,

Lynne Gutterson

Principal

Sharon Matuauto

School Council President

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own, where practical.

If you are paying for them through the school please do so through the Compass Parent Portal.

Physical resources you purchase will be delivered to your child at school in the first 2 weeks of school in 2021.

Please indicate on the **attached fee schedule** which items you would like to purchase through the school:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Student Planner	\$10
Combination Lock	Provided at no charge in 2021
Manga High maths learning activities program	Provided at no charge in 2021
Calculator	\$225 (or retain) Years 11 & 12
Pastoral Care Booklet	\$22 Year 7
Numeracy Booklet	\$20 Year 7
Food Technology Workbook and resources	\$15 Year 8
Food Technology resources	\$70 Year 8
Italian Grammar supplement	\$20 Years 7 Immersion
Italian Handbook	\$40 Year 9
PE Specialist Booklet	\$22 Year 10
Health and Human Development Booklet	\$22 Year 10

Optional Items

Gladstone Park Secondary College offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

These can be paid for later in 2021 through the Compass Parent Portal.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. <i>The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i>	<i>To be advised</i>
School Yearbook	\$20
Year 12 T-shirt	<i>To be advised</i>
Year 12 Jumper	<i>To be advised</i>
Year 10 Social	<i>To be advised</i>
Year 12 Graduation Dinner	<i>To be advised</i>

Voluntary Contributions

We thank you for considering partnering with the school to provide almost 1,000 desktop computers, specialised science and sporting equipment, up to date and safe facilities and well maintained, attractive grounds to enhance your child/ren’s educational outcomes and social experience at school.

The amounts below are suggestions only and any amount larger or smaller, would significantly contribute to the provision of these essential resources and of course, be most welcome.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all our school’s important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Amount Only
<i>General contribution to be used toward:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At this stage, Gladstone Park does not ask parents to participate in a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) arrangement. Rather, we maintain our bank of standard and high specification computing equipment for students in most classrooms so that parents do not have that added financial burden.</i> 	No	\$150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Class sets of texts, printing and photocopying of worksheets and exams, art science laboratory equipment, sports and other equipment used by our students in class.</i> 	No	\$30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Maintenance and beautification of the schools' facilities and grounds to provide a safe, attractive, and enjoyable learning environment for our students.</i> 	No	\$25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Additional teaching and support staff involved in programs such as after school tutoring, careers counselling and technical assistance in the theatre for classes and for performing arts events staged during the year.</i> 	No	\$15
	TOTAL	\$220

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. Your decision about whether you wish to make a voluntary contribution or not and all records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential.

A schedule outlining all essential, optional and voluntary contribution amounts is below.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
*Voluntary contribution	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220
Essential items						
Student planner	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Combination lock	Provided	Replaced if needed	Replaced if needed	Replaced if needed	Replaced if needed	Replaced if needed
**Manga High learning activities program	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided
Scientific calculator					\$225	\$225
Pastoral Care booklet	\$22					
Numeracy booklet	\$20					
Food Technology workbook		\$15				
Food Technology resources		\$70				
Italian Immersion Grammar supplement	\$20					
Italian handbook			\$40			
PE Specialist booklet				\$22		
Health and Human Development booklet				\$22		
Optional items						
School Yearbook	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
House Sports	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Optional						
Food Technology resources			\$80	\$100	\$180	\$160
Technology - Materials & Systems			\$25	\$25		
Technology - Systems Engineering					\$80	\$20
Technology - Wood Technology					\$80	\$80
Textiles - Product, Design & Technology			\$30	\$35	\$35	\$40
Art - Studio Arts - Art					\$30	\$30
Art / Architectural VCD			\$15	\$30	\$30	\$30
Art / Studio Arts - Photography				\$30	\$150	\$190
Art /VCD			\$15		\$30	\$30
Media				\$10	\$20	\$25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
VCE Chemistry - digital resource and textbook - Edrolo <i>Cannot be paid at school. Please make payment through the Edrolo portal as applicable.</i>						
VCE Physics - digital resource and textbook - Edrolo <i>Cannot be paid at school. Please make payment through the Edrolo portal as applicable</i>						
VCAL - Handbooks, Workbooks, Resources, excursions					\$175	\$175
VETiS - GP Business, Units 1&2					\$195	\$195
VETiS - GP Business, Units 3&4 <i>Cert III in Business Administration</i>					\$195	\$195
VETiS - GP Sport & Rec, Units 1&2					\$195	\$195
VETiS - GP Sport & Rec, Units 3&4 <i>Cert III in Sport & Recreation</i>					\$195	\$195
VETiS - GP CDM Units 1&2 <i>Cert III in Screen & Media</i>					\$150	
VETiS – External <i>(materials fee set by Registered Training Organisation (RTO))</i>						
Y07 Band Fee	\$120					
Instrumental Lessons	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200		
Instrumental Hire	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120		
Vocal Lessons	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200		
Guitar - Group Lessons	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500		
Guitar - Private Lessons	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800		
Piano - Group Lessons	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500		
Piano - Private Lessons	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800		
Drums - Group Lessons	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500		
Drums - Private Lessons	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800		

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items

Amount _____

Optional Items

Amount _____

Voluntary financial contribution

Amount _____

TOTAL _____