



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 2022.

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 this support has allowed us to maintain our bank of standard and high specification computing equipment in most classrooms; additional teaching and support staff involved in programs such as after school tutoring, careers counselling, student support services and technical assistance in the theatre for classes, and for performing arts events staged during the year; a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences such as the Immersion and SEAL programs.

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

Lynne Gutterson

Principal

Sharon Matuauto

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 planner – printing (years 7 – 12)	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Athletics Carnival – entry and transport (\$10) ▪ Swimming Carnival – entry and transport (\$10) 	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials (year 7-12)	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Manga High learning activities program – software (years 7–12)	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided
Scientific calculator (year 11-12)					\$225	\$225
Pastoral Care booklet – printing (year 7)	\$28					
Numeracy booklet – printing (year 7)	\$20					
Food Technology workbook – printing (year 8)		\$15				
PE Specialist booklet – printing (year 10)				\$28		
Health and Human Development booklet – printing (year 10)				\$25		
Food Technology - food and ingredients (year 8-12)		\$70	\$80	\$100	\$180	\$160
Technology - Materials & Systems – equipment, metal, wire (year 9-12)			\$25	\$25	\$80	\$20
Technology - Wood Technology – timber, fixings, tools (year 11-12)					\$80	\$80
Textiles - Product, Design & Technology – equipment, fabric (year 9-12)			\$30	\$25	\$35	\$40
Art - Studio Arts – Art – equipment, paint, paper (year 11-12)					\$30	\$30
Art / Architectural VCD – software, paper, equipment (year 10-12)				\$30	\$30	\$30
Art / Studio Arts – Photography – equipment, SD cards, paper, cameras (year 10-12)				\$30	\$120	\$150
Art / VCD – software, paper, equipment (year 9, Year 11-12)			\$15		\$30	\$30
Media – equipment, software (year 10-12)				\$10	\$20	\$25
Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12

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
Lockers – Combination lock	provided	Replaced if needed	Replaced if needed	Replaced if needed	Replaced if needed	Replaced if needed

Educational items for students to own

The 2022 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 also be available on the school's website.

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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please use the table below and visit the Compass Payment Portal or, from Thursday 27 January 2022, you can visit the general office at the school.

The General Office will close at 12:00pm on Friday 17th December 2021 and reopen at 08:15am on Thursday 27 January 2022.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
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	

Italian Immersion Grammar Supplement (year 7 Immersions students)	\$20	
Italian Handbook (year 9 Immersion students)	\$40	
Year 7 Band (year 7 band participants)	\$120	
Instrumental lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$200	
Instrument Hire (years 7 – 10)	\$120	
Vocal Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$200	
Guitar – Group Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$500	
Guitar – Private Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$800	
Piano – Group Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$500	
Piano – Private Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$800	
Drums – Group Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$500	
Drums – Private Lessons (years 7 – 10)	\$800	
School magazine/ yearbook (years 7 – 12)	\$20	
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:

Anna Salvo or Wendy Van Dyk 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:

The items detailed under the Curriculum Contributions schedule below are available through the school directly. They are not available through the booklist at this stage.

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

Booklists:

You can order your 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 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.