

RE: PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY YEAR 8 - 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

North Geelong Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *North Geelong Secondary College's* voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 college 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 college and the programs we can offer.

Within our college this support has allowed us to provide: smaller VCE classes, average Yr 7 class size of 22, special curriculum programs, SEAL, Excellence in Sports, ACE & STAR Literacy & Numeracy programs, wide offering of instrumental music classes, upgrade of all sporting facilities, state of the art library, refurbished Performing Arts Centre, faster WIFI and Australia's Academic and Research Network (AARNet) internet connection.

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

Yours Sincerely,



Paul Dawson
Principal



Dirk Heitmann
School Council

YEAR 8 2025 – VOLUNTARY AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Please circle any items that you wish to purchase for your student on the table below and return this to the college office as soon as possible.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year 8 Student ID Card (through Compass)</i>	\$10.50
<i>Year 8 Student Planner</i>	\$18.00
<i>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$40)</i> • <i>Food Tech – flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta (\$90)</i> • <i>Material Tech- wood, nails, clay etc (\$50)</i> 	\$180.00
<i>Year 8 Whole college events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Athletics carnival - entry and transport</i> 	\$10.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Library/ICT Resources</i> <i>e.g. \$20, \$50, \$100</i>	\$
<i>Performing Arts/Music</i> <i>e.g. \$20, \$50, \$100</i>	\$
<i>College grounds maintenance and improvements</i> <i>e.g. \$20, \$50, \$100</i>	\$
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the College recommends you purchase from *external supplier* for your student to individually own and use.

Campion – www.campion.com.au

- *Booklist*
- *Jacaranda Digital Bundle \$115.00*
- *LOTE- Education Perfect Online Subscription \$42.50*

Learning with Technologies - LWT Portal <https://nthgeelongsc.orderportal.com.au/>

- *Digital Devices – preferred device Chromebook - Can purchase from website, including case, extended warranty, accidental damage insurance at an extra cost.*

EIS Uniform Supplier - <https://one-sports.net.au/club-partners-locker-room/ngsc/>

- *Excellence in Sports Uniform for Soccer, AFL & Volleyball \$75.00*

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

North Geelong 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 college provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pay basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your student, please indicate on the table below and return this to the college office as soon as possible (please also tick any options with TBA that are relevant).

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
College magazine/yearbook	\$30.00	
Optional Year 8 Interschool Sports program	\$TBA	
Excellence in Sports – Soccer/Australian Rules Football/Volleyball	\$50.00	
Excellence in Sports uniform (pay online direct to supplier link page 2)	\$100.00	
Performances, production	\$TBA	
Optional Printing and photocopying Credit	\$5.00 -\$20.00	
Optional Year 8 private music lessons	\$100.00	
Other optional Year 8 camps and excursions may be scheduled including Swimming Program (estimated \$45.00)	\$TBA	
Human Powered Vehicle Program	\$TBA	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$

TOTAL

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Student Name.....

Student Code.....

Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian

Signature.....

Date.....

Financial Support for Families

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

- *the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund*
- *State Schools Relief*
- *Student Scholarships*
- *Uniting Barwon Education Assistance Program*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Student Wellbeing Team 03 5240 5800 north.geelong.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Payment arrangements and methods

- *Cash or cheque directly to the college office*
- *EFTPOS payments can be made in person or by phoning the college office*
- *Centrelink will take payments out of your fortnightly benefit and give it to the college. This can be done as a once off or regularly. This can be set up at the college once the paperwork has been given to the college office*
- *Compass Pay web-based facility can be accessed via Compass portal*

Payments can be made by instalments at any time.

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Refunds

Parent/Guardian requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the college and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the college 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.

