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25th November, 2025

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

Re: **YEAR 8 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2026**

Red Cliffs Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the college's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum, and we want to assure you that all financial contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that we can offer the best possible education and opportunities for our students. We want to thank you for all your support; this has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The financial contributions received this year is significantly lower than in previous years. This is likely to have an impact longer term to the college's financial viability in turn impacting what resources we can offer our students.

Therefore, we encourage our wonderful college community to continue to provide positive financial support for the college through parent contributions and fundraising efforts.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please refer to the one-page overview attached.

Please also find attached the Year 8 Charges Schedule. Kindly complete and return this form to the General Office.

Red Cliffs Secondary College remains committed to keeping the cost of all items and activities as affordable as possible for families.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Willersdorf
Acting Principal

Jason Hateley
School Council President

Year 8 - 2026

Student Name: _____ Student ID Code: _____

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 8 Student ID Card • *Each student requires a Photo ID Card to access the Library Borrowing Systems, Compass Kiosk, Toilet access and as proof of identity. The college supplies these cards to all students annually. Replacement cards are $11.50 each.*	$10
Year 8 Student Materials & Resources • *General classroom materials & equipment* • *Subject specific materials & equipment* • *Provision & upkeep of school devices and ICT* • *Student printing & photocopying* • *Curriculum activities* • *Digital and online subscriptions for learning* • *Learning & assessment resources*	$100
Year 8 Elective Subjects Costs. Year 8 students complete 4 elective subjects over the year. *This amount covers Year 8 Technology subjects which use consumable materials* • *Art – paint, pencils, canvas, assorted paper etc.* • *Drama – costumes, masks, scripts etc.* • *Food Technology – food ingredients, utensils etc.* • *Textiles – thread, materials, pins etc.* • *Visual Communication & Design – assorted paper, pencils, fine liners etc.* • *Wood – timber, sandpaper, adhesive, putty, nails etc.*	$120
Resilience Project Student Journal • *Each student will receive The Resilience Project Student Journal as part of our wellbeing program. The Journal supports lessons that build gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness (GEM)—helping students develop positive mental health and resilience.* • *The Journal is used throughout the year in class and at home to support each student's wellbeing journey.*	*$20*
Year 8 Whole school events • Athletics carnival - entry and transport • Swimming carnival – entry and transport	*$30*
Total Curriculum Contributions	**$280**

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
School Sports Victoria membership	*$5*
Student wellbeing programs	*$5*
First aid equipment	*$5*
School grounds maintenance and improvements	*$5*
Total Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	**$**

Tax deductible contributions	
College Building fund. *A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.*	$50
Total Other Contributions (Tax deductible)	**$**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Red Cliffs 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**Amount**
Optional – Sports Academy – For selected students only	$1400
Optional Year 8 School Camp – Campaspe Downs 04/05/2026 to 06/05/2026	TBA
Optional Year 8 Interschool Sports Program	TBA
Optional Year 8 Private Music Lessons – per year	*$100*
Optional Year 8 Instrumental Music Hire – per year	*$150*
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**$**

TOTAL AMOUNT:

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	
Other Contributions (Tax deductible)	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	
Total Amount	

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *Access to State Schools Relief Committee support for clothing/uniforms (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

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

The Business Manager Ph: 03 5024 1522 | Email: red.cliffs.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods:

- BPay
  - Family BPay details are available at the Office
- Cash
- Direct Deposit to:
  - Red Cliffs Secondary College Council Official Account
  - BSB: 063 738
  - Account: 1034 0455
  - Reference: Students name and what your contribution is paying for
- Eftpos

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information. For refund enquiries please email the College at red.cliffs.sc@education.vic.gov.au.

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.