

Parent Contributions



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Apollo Bay P-12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our College's voluntary financial contributions for 2025, together with information on camps and any additional resources your child/ren may require.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 it is through financial contributions, fundraising, or volunteering your time at school. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Apollo Bay P-12 College makes every effort to keep Parent Payments affordable for all families. This year, there has been no increase to contribution costs. Furthermore, where a family has three or more children enrolled at the school, a 20% discount is applicable.

The school relies upon voluntary parent financial contributions to meet the difference between funds from the Department of Education and our budgeted expenditure each year. Parent Contributions and local fundraising also allow us to fully fund the maintenance of, and improvements to, buildings and grounds.

— CURRICULUM & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

	Prep	Gr 1/2	Gr 3/4	Gr 5/6	Yr 7-9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12
CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS								
Booklist / Stationery Pack - Prep-Yr 10 <i>School-Provided Exercise Books & Stationery</i>	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75
Core Subject Materials/Equip - Prep-Gr 6 <i>Materials & Equip - English, Maths, Science, Sport</i>	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125				
Subject Specific Materials/Equip - Prep-Gr 6 <i>STEM, Music, Art, SAKG, Library</i>	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100				
Technology Contribution - Prep-Yr 9 <i>Computer Hardware, Software, ICT Equipment</i>	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50			
Classroom Textbook Sets - Yr 7-10 <i>School-Provided Class Sets of Textbooks</i>					\$ 30	\$ 30		
General Classroom Consumables - Yr 7-10 <i>Materials & Equipment - English, Maths, Science</i>					\$ 125	\$ 125		
Subject Specific Materials/Equip - Yr 7-10 <i>Equipment for Electives</i>					\$ 120	\$ 120		
General Classroom Consumables - Yr 11-12 <i>General Consumables, Materials & Equip</i>							\$ 30	\$ 30
Subject Specific Materials/Equip - Yr 11 <i>VCE Units 1&2 Combinations @ \$40 per unit - up to 6 VCE units (*adjust total as applicable)</i>							\$ 40 to \$ 240	
Subject Specific Materials/Equip - Yr 12 <i>VCE Units 3&4 Combinations @ \$40 per unit - up to 5 VCE units (*adjust total as applicable)</i>								\$ 40 to \$ 200
Online Subscriptions - Prep-Yr 10 <i>Reading Eggs/Maths300/Mathletics/Compass etc</i>	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	Edrolo (see Pg 3)	Edrolo (see Pg 3)
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS								
Facilities Contribution - Prep-Yr 12 <i>School Grounds Maintenance & Improvement</i>	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
TOTAL	\$ 370	\$ 370	\$ 370	\$ 370	\$ 445	\$ 395	*\$ 365	*\$ 325

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

Yours sincerely,

Brian Humphries
Principal

Matthew White
College Council President

— CAMPS (Extra-Curricular Activities)

Students are typically offered one main camp per year. Final arrangements will be made throughout the school year and parents provided with adequate notice to give permission and make payment online via Compass.

Other excursions/events may be held throughout the year with smaller associated costs. Camps and excursions are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program on a user-pays basis with all children encouraged to attend.

— LIST OF MAIN CAMPS

Camp Details	Year Level	Approx date	Approx cost
Grade 2 Sleepover, School	Grade 2	Term 4	\$ 30
Bimbi Park, Cape Otway	Grade 3	Term 4	\$ 55
Kangarooie, Princetown	Grade 4	Term 4	\$ 270
Sovereign Hill, Ballarat	Grade 5	Term 3	\$ 285
Melbourne City Camp	Grade 6	Term 3	\$ 300
Grampians Camp	Year 7	Term 4	\$ 270
Canoe Camp, Glenelg River	Year 8	Term 4	\$ 270
Snow Camp, Mt Hotham	Year 9	Term 3	\$ 950
Driver's Camp, Charlton	Year 10	Term 3 or 4	\$ 230

**Please note – subjects such as Outdoor Education may incur additional costs.*

— SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Apollo Bay P-12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** – this yearly allowance of \$150/\$250 per primary/secondary student can be applied to camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a means-tested concession card (or temporary foster parents) are eligible to apply. For more information, please click on the following link or pick up a form from the office: <https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>.
- **School Saving Bonus (2025)** – the one-off \$400 [School Saving Bonus](#) provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks for children enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025. Families will receive an email from the Department of Education in Term 4 2024 with their School Saving Bonus information and access to an online system. Families can choose how to use and allocate the \$400 bonus – on school activities (eg camps and excursions), to purchase uniforms, or a mixture.
- **Uniform Support** – [State Schools Relief \(SSR\)](#) provides assistance with uniforms and other essential items for students who are experiencing financial disadvantage because of short-term crisis or long-term chronic need.
- **Payment Plans** – available for extra-curricular items and activities.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these supports, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our Business Manager Lauren Nicholls on 5237 6483 or Lauren.Nicholls3@education.vic.gov.au.

— PAYMENT OPTIONS

- **Pay directly at the office** in cash or Visa/Mastercard/EFTPOS
- **Direct Deposit** into the school bank account:
 - **BSB:** 063 629
 - **Account Name:** Apollo Bay P-12 College Council
 - **Account Number:** 1001 0660*(please use your 'Surname' and details such as 'Parent Payment', 'Booklist' etc in the reference)*
- **Compass** – flexible payment options are available for Parent Payments including instalments & customisable charges.
- **Centrepay** – only available to holders of Centrelink Benefit Cards, to be arranged by the card holder directly through Centrelink (CRN 555 056 147X)

— YEAR 7-9 STUDENTS (additional)

☐ Scientific Calculator (Model: Texas TI-30XB Multiview)

Required for Year 7-9 Math

Cost: \$28 (school discounted price, RRP \$35)

Payment: Order online (use school ID: APOLLOBAYSCI); www.abacuscalculators.com.au

Delivery: Orders placed by 11:59pm 12 January 2025 will be delivered to Apollo Bay P-12 College week beginning 27 January 2025.

— VCE STUDENTS

For students in **Year 10/11/12** studying **VCE subjects**, the following additional resources may be required:

Note: *Secondhand textbooks may be available (please discuss with teachers prior to purchasing via Edrolo and/or Champion)*

□ **Edrolo Subscription – see also attached Edrolo Payment Portal Letter 2025**

Cost: \$35 per subject for online support (or \$85 for online support and printed textbook, some subjects only)

Payment: Online via Edrolo Payment Portal (using student's existing Edrolo account or activate a new account)

Due Date: Payment must be made by 15 January 2025. If payment has not been received by or prior to 15 January, your child will be blocked from accessing all of their Edrolo courses until the balance has been paid in full (no later than 12 March 2025).

How do I activate my child's Edrolo account?

If your child has accessed Edrolo recently, their account will be active and you can log in with them as normal to pay through the Payment Portal as per Step 6 below. If your child is new to Edrolo, please follow the instructions below first:

1. Go to: www.edrolo.com.au/activate/dhc-ptn
2. Enter your child's surname and check that it recognises their correct first name
3. Enter your child's school email address and choose a secure password that they will remember
4. Click 'Let me in'
5. Edrolo will send a confirmation email to the email address you used above – head to this email and click the activation link.
6. Once you have signed into your account, click on the 'Pay now' button in the top right-hand corner of your screen and follow the prompts.

If you have an account but can't recall your password, simply head to the reset password page.

If you're still having trouble, Edrolo's School Support Team is standing by ready to assist! Send an email to help@edrolo.com.au or give us a call on 1300 EDROLO (1300 337 656).

□ **Textbook(s) via Champion Books**

Required for some VCE subjects

Cost: See Champion Booklist

Payment: Pay direct to Champion (see Champion Booklist for details)

□ **Graphing Calculator (Model: Texas InSpire CXII-CAS)**

Required for VCE Math students. Package includes calculator, USB charging cable, rechargeable battery, student software licence, 3-year replacement warranty.

Cost: \$236 (school discounted price, RRP \$250, order below for delivery to school)

Payment: Order online (use school ID: APOLLOBAY) ; www.abacuscalculators.com.au

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□ **Art Folios**

For students studying Art / Visual Communications / Media / Product Design

(students to discuss options for preferred folio presentation with the subject teacher)

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.