

November 2021



Dear parents/guardians,

Nossal High School is looking forward to 2022 with the hope that the disruptions of the last two years are a thing of the past. We are very proud of the resilience of our students and their achievements through these very difficult times.

Schools are required to provide students with free instruction to fulfil the requirements of the Victorian Curriculum. However, to provide the sort of vibrant and comprehensive educational program for which Nossal is renowned, we rely on voluntary parental contributions. They give us the opportunity to extend the range of educational experiences for our students beyond the basic offering provided by government funding. In the past over 90% of our parents have contributed to the School and we are extremely grateful for the support shown by the school community that has enabled us to fund additional activities and services such as incursions, Nossal Time, IT technical support, software licences and enhanced network bandwidth.


In this letter we are advising you of Nossal High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022 and inviting you to make a financial contribution to support the school. The Education Department's Parent Payments Policy is attached, which provides details of the categories under which contributions are made. **Curriculum Contributions** relate to items and activities that the school feels necessary to learn the Curriculum and **Other Contributions** are non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives. These contributions enable the School to go beyond the standard curriculum provisions of government funding. **Extra-Curriculum Items and Activities** are provided on a user-pays basis.

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

Yours sincerely,



Roger Page
Principal



Dr John Inns
School Council President

Student Name

Parent Name

Contact Number

These are the items necessary for students to learn the curriculum.

Year 9 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	Contribution
<i>Student ID Card</i>	\$15	✓
<i>Nossal Time Social & Emotional Learning Program</i>	\$50	✓
<i>IT – Specialist Software Licences to support/enhance digital learning. Cyber awareness program, Reciprocity, TRAPS, UrKund, Adobe, Mimecast, NearMap , GROK, Formative & Vsphere increased bandwidth</i>	\$270	✓
<i>Year 9 Classroom Consumables, Resources, Materials and Equipment Library – shared classroom resource (\$15) Science Lab coat & safety glasses (\$30) Health and Physical Education – Resource materials and equipment (\$15)</i>	\$60	✓
<i>Please add a tick to each item that applies to the elective your child has chosen. The cost of certain items (Year 9 Electives) will vary depending on the individual student's timetable.</i>		Please tick
Year 9 Electives:		
<i>Art - Specialty Papers and Printer materials</i>	\$25	
<i>Creative - Design Maker materials</i>	\$25	
<i>Dance - Excursion Dance studio/instructors</i>	\$60	
<i>Digital Technology – Online coding software</i>	\$30	
<i>Electronics - 3DPrint/Laser Cut Consumables, Model making</i>	\$40	
<i>** Food Studies/Edible Arts - Food consumables, Apron & Laundry & Cake decorating.</i>	\$245	
<i>** Music - Aurelia Subscription</i>	\$60	
<i>** Photography – Specialty Papers & Printer, Equipment Loan</i>	\$45	
<i>** Visual Communication – Specialty Art/Drawing Supplies</i>	\$25	
** Please note a number of electives have workshops, incursions or excursions that will incur a fee to enhance student's experience. Please see extra- curricular items and activities section.		
Year 9 Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	Contribution

First aid equipment	\$10	✓
Locker maintenance	\$30	✓
Technical Support Services – provision of specialised production for all students into digital technologies and online curriculum environment in the Nossal Learning management system	\$210	✓
		Please tick
Contribution to Music Development Fund	E.g. \$100	
Contribution to Sports Development Fund	E.g. \$50	
Contribution in lieu of working bee days	\$50	
Tax deductible contributions	Amount	Contribution (Please tick)
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	E.g. \$100	
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	E.g. \$100	
2022 Special Project – Lifesize bronze statue of Sir Gustav Nossal	E.g. \$100	
Total Amount	\$	

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Nossal High School 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 for free to deliver the Curriculum.

Year 9 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Contribution (Please tick)
Whole year level events		
<i>Please remove tick for items and activities your child will not participate in.</i>		
Year 9 Camp – Roses Gap	\$490	✓
Year 9 Experience – City Week/I Week/Big Day Out	\$200	✓
House Performing Arts and Speech Night	\$105	✓
Year 9 Extra Curricular Activities - guest speakers, workshops	\$75	✓
Year 9 whole school events School Sport (\$10) Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$25) Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$25)	\$60	✓
Co-curricular Clubs and Societies	\$15	✓
Butterfly Effect – School Magazine	\$30	✓
Maths Competition	\$15	✓

<i>Science model, Healesville Sanctuary Excursion</i>	\$55	✓
<i>Humanities Incursions</i>	\$15	✓
<i>French or Japanese, language immersion activities days, competitions</i>	\$40	✓
<i>Music Ensemble & Individual Tuition (charged separately)</i>	<i>Refer to music Program information on Web Site</i>	
Activities linked to Electives		
<i>Please add a tick to each item that applies to the elective your child has chosen.</i>		Please tick
<i>**Food Studies/Edible Arts excursion</i>	\$45	
<i>**Theatre Studies – Production TBC</i>	\$55	
<i>**Music MSO Workshop</i>	\$30	
<i>**Photography incursion</i>	\$15	
<i>**Visual Communications – Top Arts excursion</i>	\$15	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Educational items for students to own

You will be provided with a booklist from Campion Education in Term 4.

Financial Support for Families

Nossal High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Individual Payment Arrangements
- *access to Sustainable School Shop – 2nd hand purchasing Texts, Uniforms, and sport/music equipment*
- *Parents and Friends Associations 2nd Hand items sales – Texts & Uniforms*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Mrs Sharyn Gazzola – on Ph 03 8762 4635 | Email: accounts@nossalhs.vic.edu.au

Projected Totals

Category	
Curriculum Contributions (excludes electives)	\$395
Other Contributions (<i>excludes donations & tax-deductible contributions</i>)	\$250
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (<i>excludes elective activities and music ensemble & tuition</i>)	\$1100

Payment methods/options

Payment options are extensive to provide convenience and confidentiality to parents. Options include Compass Pay, BPay, EFT – Credit & Debit Card, Saver Plus- Centrelink, Direct Debit and or Cash.

Refunds

- Students withdrawing from camps, excursions and/or activities will not automatically be entitled to a refund.
- Where **no** cost is incurred by the school, a **full refund** may be payable when:
 - The student's place is filled by another student.
 - The Principal/Principal's Delegate deems the student's withdrawal was unavoidable (eg: illness).
NB: Proof of reason for withdrawal may be requested in such circumstances (e.g medical certificate).
- A **partial refund** may be payable when:
 - The Principal/Principal's Delegate deems the student's withdrawal was unavoidable, but the school has incurred expenses relating to the withdrawal.
 - In such cases, the refund will be the full amount paid less any expenses incurred by the school because of the withdrawal (e.g. Prepaid entry fees).
- **No refund** will be payable when:
 - The Principal deems the withdrawal was avoidable and the school has incurred the full costs of the excursion, camp, or activity.
- Instrumental Music - Where a family has requested a refund for any part of the Instrumental Music fee, consideration will first be given to the costs incurred by the school in planning and arranging Instrumental Music Instruction and the cost of any non-returnable items provided to the student. Please refer to music program information on Web Site.

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

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.