

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Nossal High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Nossal High School's* voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 enables us to move beyond the basic provision of a teacher and a classroom to create the sort of vibrant and comprehensive program which is so essential to the development of highly able students. The provision of a broad range of shared educational experiences attended by all students in a given cohort is a key component of our success. It is essential not just as a way to deepen and contextualise the learning they do in the classroom, but also in ensuring that all Nossal students graduate as well rounded, confident and independent young adults. Nossal students achieve excellent academic results but, more importantly, they are very well prepared for the transition to university and to an active engagement as future citizens due to their participation in the learning community which your contributions resource and maintain. With your ongoing assistance we are able to continue to develop the young leaders of the future.

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

Yours sincerely,



Tracey Mackin
Acting Principal



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>Combination Lock</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> | \$40 | |
| <i>Dance - Excursion Dance studio/instructors</i> | \$60 | |
| <i>Digital Technology – Online coding software</i> | \$30 | |
| <i>Electronics - 3D Print/Laser Cut Consumables, Model making</i> | \$40 | |
| <i>Food Studies/Edible Arts - Food consumables, Apron & Laundry & Cake decorating.</i> | \$245 | |
| <i>Music</i> | \$0 | |
| <i>Photography – Specialty Papers & Printer</i> | \$25 | |
| <i>Visual Communication – Specialty Art/Drawing Supplies</i> | \$10 | |
| Year 9 Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount | Contribution |
| <i>First aid equipment</i> | \$10 | ✓ |

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| 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 | ✓ |
| 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) |
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| Whole year level events | | |
| <i>Please remove tick for items and activities your child will not participate in.</i> | | |
| Year 9 Camp – Roses Gap | \$500 | ✓ |
| Year 9 Experience – City Week/1 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 | \$8 | ✓ |
| Butterfly Effect – School Magazine | \$30 | ✓ |
| Music Ensemble & Individual Tuition (charged separately) | <i>Refer to Music Program information on Website</i> | |
| 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 (CSEF).
- 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 Sharon Blyth – on Ph 03 8762 4600 or Email: finance@nossalhs.vic.edu.au

Projected Totals

| Category | |
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| Curriculum Contributions (excludes electives) | \$410 |
| Other Contributions | \$250 |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (<i>excludes music ensemble</i>) | \$978 |

Payment methods/options

Payment options are extensive to provide convenience and confidentiality to parents. Options include Compass Pay, 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 or 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 Website.

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 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.