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Dear Parent/Carers,

The Lakes South Morang College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning programs in 2023. The voluntary financial contributions next year are enclosed.

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 financial support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

The Lakes South Morang College, School Council and its Finance Committee work closely with the Leadership Team to set recommended student fees that met the budgetary requirements of the school. Within our school this support has allowed us to offer and ensure the provision of student wellbeing and support programs, major and minor upgrades to buildings and grounds and classroom technology. This is made available for the benefit and enjoyment of your children.

Within our school this support has allowed us to

- Offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Provide enhanced digital learning opportunities to increase student engagement and participation
- Provide literacy and numeracy enrichment and extension programs
- Provide extra curriculum opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom.

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

Yours sincerely,

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CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS – Year 6 2023

Please find the itemised list of items and activities that students use or participate in, to access the Curriculum.

	Description	Amount
Book Pack	All Classroom materials including books, pencils, glue sticks, textas, writing, scrap books that your child will use in the classroom.	\$35
S.T.E.M.	Consumable materials for S.T.E.M. e.g., Bi-carb soda, flour, paper cups, salt, straws, pipe cleaners, balloons, rubber gloves etc.	\$20
The Arts – Music, Visual, Multi Media	Consumable materials for Art e.g. paper plates, cotton wool, popsicle sticks, paste, google eyes, crepe paper, cellophane, sequins, confetti, straws, glitter, beading	\$20
Digital Subscriptions	Reading Eggs, Soundwaves, Maths Pathways	\$85
Printing & Photocopying	Printing of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Diary	To be issued at school – This planner includes school specific information	\$10
Incursion	Life Education, Book Week	\$20
	Total	\$200

Other Contributions

Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of The Lakes South Morang College.

Other Contributions For Non-Curriculum Items And Activities	Amount
Student & parent communication tools - Sentral Student wellbeing programs School Sports Victoria membership School Grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50

Extra- Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

The Lakes South Morang 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year via Sentral. CSEF can be used to pay for extra-curricular activities.

Extra-Curricular Activity	Amount
Interschool Sports Years 5 & 6	TBA

Financial Support for Families

The Lakes South Morang College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- State Schools Relief (SSR) – provides financial support for eligible families to purchase uniform at a reduced rate.
- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. CSEF is available for eligible families (\$125 for primary and \$225 for secondary). Applications forms are available at the office for new and/or existing families. Parents who currently receive the CSEF payments and remain eligible will automatically have their 2023 application processed by the office.
- 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: Dale Saliba Business Manager on 9401 3919/email: dale.saliba@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments are vital in maintaining the quality of education that we provide at The Lakes South Morang College.

Payment can be made by -

- QKR (preferred method)
- Eftpos/cash at the school office.

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.

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.