



# The Lakes

## SOUTH MORANG COLLEGE

Secondary Campus

4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Lakes South Morang College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of The Lakes South Morang College's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

The Lakes South Morang College makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. The College remains committed to providing a broad and diverse curriculum that supports students to achieve high educational standards. We look forward to your continued financial support of the College community in ensuring our ongoing success.

The Lakes South Morang College fees have been represented in a new format for 2021 to meet new Department of Education guidelines. The total fees payable (termed Essential Student Learning Items) are represented in the Fee Schedule as an itemised listing with the total listed below. This new format enables transparency with how the total fee for each year level is calculated. The total figure represents the amount payable, individual itemised items under Essential Student Learning Items cannot be removed or altered.

### 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:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) for eligible Health Care Card holders.
- Access to State School's Relief Fund where determined by the Principal and Welfare Officers

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact the general office on 9401 3919 (Secondary Campus) 9401 9000 (Primary Campus) or email [lakes.south.morang.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:lakes.south.morang.co@education.vic.gov.au)

### Payment Methods

We offer a variety of payment methods to assist our families:

- Eftpos is available at the office
- Qkr
- Cash

The Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) is available for eligible families. (\$125 for Primary and \$225 for Secondary). Application 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 2021 application processed by Office Administration.

## Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Kerrie Heenan  
Principal

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Todd Sprague  
School Council President