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CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - Year 9 2026

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Science – Consumables materials, Laboratory equipment, chemicals, microscope slides, PH Indicators	*$40*
Online Subscriptions – Essential Assessment	*$20*
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	*$40*
Total Curriculum Contributions	***$100***

Unit Electives - Per Semester	Amount
Technology Units: *Food Studies – Consumables / Ingredients* *Product Design – Consumables materials*	 *$85* *$85*
The Arts Unit: *Visual Art Unit – Consumables materials*	*$85*
Total Elective Contributions	***$ various***

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	***Amount***
Student and Parent Communications – Compass	*$15*
Student wellbeing programs	*$20*
First aid equipment	*$15*
School grounds maintenance and improvements	*$35*
Library Enhancement	*$15*
Total Other Contributions	***$100***

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Educational items for students to own - Booklist

Please find attached a list of essential items that the school requires for each individual student. Items can be purchased from Campion Books for your child to individually own and use.
https://order.campion.com.au/index.html#resourceListListView?code=GHXY6K2C

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

The Lakes South Morang College offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

These are provided on a user-pays basis. Details of activities are set out below, however these are a guide of potential costs to be incurred.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Instrumental Music per Semester	*$100*
City Experience – multiple venues	*$150*

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 – 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 ($154 for Primary and $256 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 2026 application processed by the office.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Dale Saliba Business Manager on 9404 9000 or
email: dale.saliba@education.vic.gov.au

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Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	$85
Electives: • Technology • The Arts	 $85 $85
Other Contributions *(Non-tax deductible)*	$100
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$ Various

Payment methods

Parent/Carer 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 -

- Compass preferred method
- EFTPOS/cash at the school office.

The 2026 Voluntary financial Contributions schedule will be available via Compass in Term 4 2025

Refunds

Parent/Carer 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 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.