



## 2025 School Council Parent Payments

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Rowville Secondary College is excited to begin another year of exceptional teaching and learning in 2025. As we prepare for the new school year, we would like to inform you about Rowville Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions that support our school's continued success.

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 ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects; enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet including enhanced digital security, expansion of the CCTV coverage for student safety, upgrades to classrooms including split system air conditioning in all learning spaces, expanded careers team to support diverse student pathways and updated computer laboratories. Maintain and improve our Performing Arts Centre, Sports Precinct, Swimming Pool, and Senior Study Centre—facilities that are not financially supported by the Department of Education but are essential to our school community.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are **UNABLE** to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/children.

We deeply appreciate your ongoing support, which continues to make a significant difference in the quality of education and opportunities we can provide.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Julie Kennedy**  
Principal

**Gavin Nash**  
School Council President

**ROWVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE**  
**Optional Enhancement Programs RSA, RIA & MSA**

We need to advise you that all families will need to pay the expected School Council Payments for RSA, RIA & MSA to maintain their place in the program.

**Rowville Sports Academy (RSA) 2025**

Extra-Curricular activities that are alternative and additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum.  
 These are provided on a user-pays basis.

| RSA PROGRAM | Category         | Year level |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|             |                  | 7          | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   |
| AFL         | Extra-Curricular | 1800       | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 |
| Basketball  | Extra-Curricular | 1800       | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 |
| Cricket     | Extra-Curricular | 2000       | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Football    | Extra-Curricular | 1800       | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 |
| Golf        | Extra-Curricular | 5800       | 5800 | 5800 | 5800 | 5800 | 5800 |
| Netball     | Extra-Curricular | 1800       | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 |
| Tennis      | Extra-Curricular | 4000       | 4000 | 4000 | 4000 | 4000 | 4000 |
| Volleyball  | Extra-Curricular | 1800       | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 |

**Rowville Institute of the Arts (RIA) 2025**

Extra-Curricular activities that are alternative/ additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum.  
 These are provided on a user-pays basis.

| RIA PROGRAM | Category         | Year level |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|             |                  | 7          | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   |
| Music       | Extra-Curricular | 1500       | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | 1575 | 1575 |
| Drama       | Extra-Curricular | 1500       | 1500 | 1425 | 1425 | 1425 | 1425 |
| Dance       | Extra-Curricular | 1650       | 1650 | 1650 | 1775 | 1650 | 1650 |
| Media       | Extra-Curricular | 1500       | 1500 | 1425 | 1425 | 1425 | 1425 |
| Visual Arts | Extra-Curricular | 1500       | 1500 | 1425 | 1425 | 1425 | 1425 |

**Maths & Science Academy (MSA) 2025**

Extra-Curricular activities that are alternative/ additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum.  
 These are provided on a user-pays basis.

| MSA | Category         | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   |
|-----|------------------|------|------|------|------|
|     | Extra-Curricular | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 |

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| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum   | Amount       |
|--|--------------|
| <i>Student ID Card</i>   | \$ 15        |
| <p><i>Essential Excursions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>KIOSC (Knox Innovation Opportunity and Sustainability Centre)</i><br/>A joint initiative of the secondary schools in the city of Knox and Swinburne University of Technology. It is a high-tech learning centre situated at Swinburne Wantirna Campus that focuses on environmentally sustainable skills and technologies.</li> </ul> | \$25         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ICT Devices – maintenance, device configuration, service costs</i></li> </ul>  | \$80         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>VCE Exam revision materials and courses</i></li> </ul>   | \$60         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></li> </ul>  | \$25         |
| <p><i>Whole school events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$15)</i></li> <li>• <i>Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$15)</i></li> </ul>  | \$30         |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities  | Amount       |
| <i>School Sports Victoria membership</i>   | \$16         |
| <i>Student wellbeing programs – connect ed, learning mentor sessions</i>   | \$30         |
| <i>First aid equipment</i>   | \$60         |
| <i>Locker Hire</i>   | \$20         |
| <i>School magazine/ yearbook</i>   | \$20         |
| <i>Enhanced Digital Safety and Internet capabilities</i>   | \$150        |
| <i>Grounds Fund</i>  | \$30         |
| Tax deductible contributions   |              |
| <b><i>Building fund.</i></b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.   | \$100        |
| <b><i>Library fund.</i></b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.   | \$25         |
| <b>Please advise your contribution amount</b>  | <b>\$686</b> |

## Educational items for students to own

Attached is a link to the booklists that the school recommends you purchase from Lilydale Books for your child to individually own and use.

Booklists provided by Lilydale Books can be found on our website;

[Rowville Secondary College - Department for Education \(rowvillesc.vic.edu.au\)](http://rowvillesc.vic.edu.au)

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Rowville Secondary 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please refer to the links below for further information. Students who have been accepted into our optional enhancement specialist programs please refer to the payment schedule attached.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities - These are provided on a user-pays basis. | Amount                    |
|--|---------------------------|
| <b><i>Optional enhancement programs</i></b>                                      |                           |
| <i>Rowville Sports Academy (RSA)</i>   | Payment Schedule attached |
| <i>Rowville Institute of Arts (RIA)</i>  |                           |
| <i>Maths &amp; Science Academy (MSA)</i>   |                           |
| <i>Optional Interschool Sports program</i>                                       | \$TBA                     |
| <i>Optional private instrumental music lessons and instrument hire</i>           | \$TBA                     |
| Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled                              | \$TBA                     |
|  |                           |
| <b>Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>                                     |                           |

## Financial Support for Families

Rowville Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

**Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and State School Relief Health Care Card Holders** information

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For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: our accounts receivable team on 03 9755 4555 or Email: [schoolfees@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au](mailto:schoolfees@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au)

### **For your own safety please do not send credit card details via email**

#### **Payment methods**


- EFTPOS payment at general office
- COMPASS – Full payment or payment arrangement  
Please use your parent login to make payment
- Direct deposit to the school's bank account  
Commonwealth bank: **BSB 063 626 Account: 1002 8463 Reference STUDENT ID**
- BPay – please contact the office for your unique BPay reference

#### **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 Payment 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   | 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.