DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2026

YEAR 8

Dear parent/guardian,

Dandenong High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Dandenong High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is highly valued by school communities.

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

Yours sincerely,

Susan Ogden

School Principal

Jayan Chacko

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Amount**
Year 8 Planner	$20.00
Year 8 Whole school events • *Athletics carnival - entry and transport ($20.00) - (CSEF Applicable)* • *Swimming carnival – entry and transport ($20.00) - (CSEF Applicable)*	$40.00
Year 8 Excursions, Incursions and Activities - (CSEF Applicable)	$40.00
Year 8 Swimming Program - (CSEF Applicable)	$60.00
Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment • *Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper* • *Food Tech –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta* • *Science – chemicals* • *Drama – costumes, masks, scripts* • *Health and Physical Education - equipment* • *Music* • *Woodwork* • *Visual Communication*	$80.00
Provision and Upkeep of school devices, Peripherals, and ICT • *Devices own by the school, class sets* • *Device configuration, maintenance* • *Server/system costs*	$20.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
Locker hire & Maintenance	$15.00
Student and parent communication tools (e.g. Software such as Compass, Edval)	$25.00
Sports Affiliation Costs (e.g. School Sports Victoria Affiliation) - (CSEF Applicable)	$10.00
Total Amount	**$310.00**

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion Education (Aust) Pty Ltd for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Dandenong 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 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 indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Year 8 Instrumental music lessons	$80.00	
Optional Year 8 Additional Musical Instrument lesson (e.g. Two instruments)	$50.00	
Optional Year 8 Musical Instrument hire	$100.00	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		

Financial Support for Families

Dandenong High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Hire of text books
- Provision of uniforms
- Additional support as required

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Dandenong High school Wellbeing team,

Ph: 03 9792 0561 | Email: dandenong.hs@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	$260.00
Other Contributions	$50.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$230.00

Payment methods

- Bpay
- Compass pay
- Centrepay
- In person

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 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.