



Carwatha College P-12

A College for the whole family

30 October 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

STUDENT CHARGES AND FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS 2026

At Carwatha College P-12, we aim to provide the highest quality education for all of our students. In order to do this, we need to make the best use of all resources available.

School Council has endeavoured to keep requests for payments for materials and voluntary contributions to a reasonable level. The full Carwatha College [Parent Payment Policy](#) is available from the Carwatha College P-12 website.

There are three areas for which parents may reasonably be requested to make a payment or contribution:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

All year levels can purchase individual stationery via booklists available online from Campion Education at <https://order.campion.com.au/>

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.

It is always our intention to charge only what is necessary and we do not in any way wish to place any family under financial strain. The College appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting payment needs. Camps, Sports and Excursions fund (CSEF) can be used towards camps, sports, and/or excursions expenses by eligible parents. For more details go to <https://www.carwatha.vic.edu.au/page/212/Forms>. Please contact the College on 9795 5848 if you would like to use CSEF. Also, second hand uniform and books are available from Sustainable School Shop www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stocktake/carwatha-college-p-12. Should you require information about financial assistance or wish to discuss family support options in case of hardship, please contact the Student Wellbeing Coordinator on 9795 5848. Families who do not have an immediate capacity to pay are also able to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the College. Please contact the Business Manager on 9795 5848 if you would like to organise a payment plan or if you wish to discuss an alternative payment arrangement.

All parent payments and contributions can be made by Compass, BPay, credit card or cash. BPay is easy for parents to use, and it can be set up to work from their savings, cheque or credit card account.

While payment is not required until the start of the 2026 school year, if you are paying in full, we would appreciate payment by Friday 5th December 2025. Any record of payments or contributions is confidential.

Payment Options

Full amount payment:

Instalment plan:

Due Friday 5th December 2025/23rd January 2026

Instalment 1 – due Friday 5th December 2025 (first half)

Instalment 2 – due Friday 23rd January 2026 (second half)

Payments may be made at the General Office from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Mulcahy
Principal



Sarah Drewe
College Council President

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YEAR 2

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ☐ Full amount payment: Due Friday, 5th December 2025
- ☐ Instalment plan: Instalment 1 due Friday, 5th December 2025 (first half)
Instalment 2 due Friday, 23rd January 2026 (second half)

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund (CSEF) can be used towards camps, sports, and/or excursions expenses.
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> - Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$41) - Science/STEM – chemicals, science practice items (\$40)	\$81
<i>Online subscriptions</i> - Sunshine Books (\$8.00) - Essential English & Maths (\$20.00) - Sparkle Readers Online (\$9.00)	\$37
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$118

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Parents/guardians are invited to make a donation to the College Building Improvement Fund, which provides funds for additional building enhancements. Please nominate how much you would like to donate.	\$50
Parents/guardians are invited to make a donation to the College Site Improvement Fund which provides for student outdoor furniture and grounds improvement. Please nominate how much you would like to donate.	\$30
Total Other Contributions	\$_____

Carwatha College P-12 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Excursion Levy Activities: Athletics carnival - entry and transport /Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$25) Performing Arts Program (\$55) Integrated Studies Excursion/Incursion * (\$70) *Excursion/incursion to be determined by curriculum content in term 2/3	\$150
Mini Pups – (\$195 per Semester) – training special guest appearance	\$390
Mini Pups – Uniform	\$100

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YEAR 2

<i>School magazine approx. \$25</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$_____

Educational items for students to own

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

Financial Support for Families

Carwatha College P-12 understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- *the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund*
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *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:

Donna Beauchamp-Ormerod or Theresa Jarvis

Ph: 03 9795-5848 | Email: carwatha.p12@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
<i>Curriculum Contributions</i>	\$
<i>Other Contributions</i> (Non-tax deductible)	\$
<i>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</i>	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods

All parent payments and contributions can be made by Compass, BPay, credit card or cash. BPay is easy for parents to use, and it can be set up to work from their savings, cheque or credit card account.

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 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

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.