Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

John Fawkner College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of John Fawkner College's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

John Fawkner College makes every effort to keep the contribution requests to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Within our school this support has allowed us to work in close partnership with parents and the broader school community to provide the best educational opportunities and outcomes for students, both inside and outside the classroom. Through this partnership, parents understand that the contribution they make to their children's education, in all its various forms, has an important role in enriching the school's learning and teaching program and improving educational outcomes. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. Therefore, parent contribution is highly valued by school communities.

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

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact the school at john.fawkner.sc@education.vic.gov.au or (03) 9359 1166.

Yours sincerely,

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YEAR 7 & 8	FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS 2025	
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		
Year 7 & 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment, photocopying of printed workbooks and other assessment tasks. • ***Maths, English, Humanities, Health, Spanish core classes** – includes printed assessments, materials and equipment for year ($30)* • ***Food Tech** –All ingredients for Food Technology classes running for 10 weeks ($80)* • ***Science** – All material and chemicals for practical classes for the year ($30)* • ***Art** – All materials for 10 weeks of art including equipment ($20)* • ***Performing Arts:** Classroom Music & Drama – contributes towards the purchase, maintenance and repair of music instruments and costumes for year ($10)* • ***Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT** – devices owned by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance and server/systems cost ($10)*		$180
Student ID Card		$10
Whole school events • *Guest speakers and workshops that enhance the students experience*		$10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities		
***Combination Lock** – All students have lockers they need to have secure with a lock, the school provides a combination lock on their first day*		$15
***Student wellbeing programs** – contribute to accredited wellbeing programs such as Art Therapy, Active Bystander & Be Wise*		$15
***First aid equipment** – to support the purchase of first aid equipment and materials used for students*		$10
***School grounds maintenance and improvements** – Contribute to the caretaking of the college and development of outdoors spaces*		$20
Total Amount		**$260**

Essential Education 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.
This can be purchased from Campion Online at www.campion.com.au using "**6F49**" as your code. Items will be delivered direct to your door.
All orders from Campion Education should be completed before Sunday 15 December 2024.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	
Instrumental Music – *group or individual lessons or part of a school band*	$150
Camp	TBC
John Fawkner 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. **Extra-curricular items and activities/excursions will be advised throughout the year via your Compass Parent Portal. Please provide consent and payment via the portal by the due date listed.**	

Financial Support for Families

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

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

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

Kim Campbell – Business Manager

Ph: 03 9359 1166 | Email: john.fawkner.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category		Total (from above)
Curriculum Contributions		$
Other Contributions	*(Non-tax deductible)*	$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		$
Total		$

Payment methods

To assist families our College provides the following payment options:

- **Online payment through your Compass Parent Portal** (**preferred option)**
- Payment Plan via Compass Parent Portal – four equal payments deducted on:

  - 5 February 2025

  - 19 February 2025

  - 12 March 2025

  - 2 April 2025

- Direct Debit Payment Plans – customised to you: weekly, fortnightly, termly
- Cash or Credit Card paid at the office throughout the term, between 8.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

John Fawkner College strongly encourages families to pay using the Compass Parent Portal. All Families can pay under the Course Confirmations and Payments section on Compass.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or need support logging into Compass on (03) 9359 1166.

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 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.