

Dear Families,

School Council Parent Payments 2025

We look forward to another important year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the Upwey High School's Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the Victorian Curriculum. Whilst all contributions are voluntary, the ongoing support of our families ensures that we can offer the best possible education and opportunities for our students that far exceed standard curriculum offerings. Government schools teach the standard curriculum to all students for free, receiving funding from the government to pay for staff to teach and to pay for the running of the school, buildings and facilities and additional support for children with a disability.

The Upwey High School Council Parent Payments Schedule include:

- **Curriculum Contributions** – Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum.
- **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** – Upwey 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-pay basis.
- **Other Contributions**. – For non-curriculum items and activities.

Please refer to our Parent Payment Charges Form.

We can also offer flexible arrangements for voluntary contributions where we invoice and receipt at your request. If you require any support or advice, please contact the General Office on 9754 2838 or email finance@upweyhs.vic.edu.au.

Financial Support for families

A range of support options are available, including:

- Access to **States Schools' Relief Committee** support for clothing/uniforms (via Student Services)
- The **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**, which provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. If you are an eligible Health Care Card holder, please contact the General Office or download an application form from our website.
- **Second-hand uniform shop**
- **Second-hand book sales**

Our Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions fees for families have remained unchanged from 2024. We have endeavoured to ensure that our fees are as affordable as possible. Parents experiencing hardship can contact the Assistant Principal, Catherine Ford on 9754 2838 to discuss their situation and how Upwey High School can offer support. All details are kept strictly confidential.

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

Yours sincerely

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