

December 2025

Dear Families

School Council Parent Payments 2026

We look forward to another important year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Upwey High School's Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. 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, families can also make tax deductible contributions to our Building fund. Contributions to our Building fund support important and necessary upgrades to our school facilities and grounds.

We greatly value and appreciate the continued support of our families. Your contributions are essential for us to maintain and expand the enriching programs we offer at Upwey High School.

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

Yours sincerely



Rachel Lynch
Principal



Kelly Verwey
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 9 Classroom consumables, materials and equipment: Art, English, Health, Humanities, Languages, Maths, Music, Drama, Science, Technology and Physical Education Whole school events. Athletics carnival, swimming carnival, cross country Print Credit Student ID card.	\$360
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Enhanced Wellbeing Support (Wellbeing programs, School Council and Mental Health Practitioners)	\$20
Enhanced Student Support (Learning Support programs, mentoring, coaching, tutoring, homework clubs, language conversation clubs)	\$25
First Aid and Hygiene costs	\$25
Lockers and Locker Maintenance	\$25
Student and Parent Communication Tools (Compass)	\$30
Sports affiliation costs	\$20
Grounds Maintenance and Improvements	\$50
Enhanced Wellbeing Support (Wellbeing programs, School Council and Mental Health Practitioners)	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested amount \$100	\$100
Total Tax deductible Contributions	

Educational items for students to own – These are items that the school recommends you purchase from Lilydale Books for your child to own and use. The booklist guides you on everyday items that your child will use in the classroom and is available from the Lilydale Books website <https://www.lilydalebooks.com.au/BookList/School/Upwey-High-School>. Orders can be made online with flexible delivery options including home delivery (free delivery offer – until Friday 5 December 2025 on all orders over \$250) or click & collect (via priority queue) from Lilydale Books at 1/25-27 Hightech Place, Lilydale, VIC, 3140, telephone 9739 6186.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Upwey 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 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 by 22 August 2025.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Combination Lock - (retained from Year 7)	\$15
Instrumental Music - Comprises of weekly classical or contemporary lessons of chosen instrument/s. *\$100 discount applies to students undertaking their first year of learning an instrument. Payment must be finalised by 9 February 2026. An Instrumental Music Program Enrolment Form should also be completed and returned with either your Enrolment Pack Documents or to the General Office by the 20 October 2025 to secure a place in the program.	\$ Refer to Instrumental Music Enrolment Form in Package
Extra-Curricular Excursions (to be scheduled)	TBA
Volleyball Program – Further information regarding this program will be provided in 2026.	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$

Total

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$
(Tax-deductible)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods

Compass: Using your ID and password to login to the Compass website
<https://upweyhs-vic.compass.education/login.aspx>

Other: Please email or call the General Office for alternative payment arrangements:
Upwey.hs@education.vic.gov.au or 9754 2838.

Financial Support for families

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

- Access to States Schools' Relief Committee support for clothing/uniforms (via Student Services)
- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Second hand uniform shop

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Mandy Flink, 9754 2838 / email: upwey.hs@education.vic.gov.au.

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. Please refer to our Refund Policy on the website, Upwey High School (upweyhs.vic.edu.au).

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.