

2021 Parent Payment Arrangements - Year 8

Dear Parent

Eltham High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Eltham High School parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for Year 8 attached. Please complete payments as indicated in the body of this document by Thursday 1st April so the school can prepare accordingly.

Eltham High School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

The Victorian Government provides most of the school's requirements in the form of salaries, land, building infrastructure and maintenance. The Government also provides funding for curriculum and some student services. However, the educational programs and the level of student services offered at Eltham High School stretch beyond the basics. As such, the Eltham High School Council, like most other school councils in the state, requests that parents make a contribution to allow the school to deliver programs and services to our students that meet community expectations. Your contribution enables the school to purchase a variety of resources to provide the best possible education for your child.

There are a number of services that Eltham High School provides, including:

Essential Student Learning Items

These include materials for Arts and Technology subjects, the Physical Wellbeing Program, Student ID card, Pastoral Care programs, the Year 8 Guest Speaker Program and access to the Education Perfect, Mathletics and Sum Dog programs. These are compulsory online learning tools used in class and for homework tasks that motivate and support students as they learn key skills in English, LOTE and Mathematics. Access is 24 hours per day 7 days per week and links study at home with the curriculum in the classroom.

Physical Education Uniform: This is compulsory for students in Years 7 and 8.

Optional Education Items

Items in this category are beyond the provision of a compulsory curriculum and are offered on a 'user pays' basis with the expectation that if families choose to access them that the fee will be paid in full. The Optional Education Items for Year 8's include:

- The annual School magazine Mercury: This is a record of the year's events.
- Sports Vic & District Sports Affiliation Fees
- Student attendance at the Year 8 Surf Camp. Estimated cost is \$250.00. Further details will be made available during Term 4, 2020 with payment to be made via Compass Events

Voluntary Contributions

We seek your support with contributions to:

- **The Eltham High School Building Fund**

This is a voluntary tax deductible contribution. School Council has called on these donations to undertake building works, building maintenance, purchase of major capital items and installation of infrastructure e.g. to support improved ICT delivery throughout the school. This work is generally not funded through the State Government budget process.

Much has been achieved with improvements to school facilities. Building Fund contributions have been put to good use with the installation of cooling to many parts of the school, installation of shade sails in the Canteen Courtyard, upgrading of learning spaces and most recently, helping with aspects of multiple building projects. There is still more to be done and your tax deductible contribution will assist us with this ongoing work. We will continue to improve many facilities in the school in order to provide the best possible learning environment and experience for our students.

- **General School Contribution**

This allows for the employment of our Maintenance team, as well as additional equipment, materials and resources for the Library and other areas of the school to enhance the learning environment and student outcomes. While this is a voluntary contribution, we do ask you to contribute, as it does greatly add to the enhancement of the services that the school can provide.

- **Student Services Contribution**

This voluntary contribution funds our student services and support programs through the employment of our First Aid attendant, Student Services and IT support staff, as well as access to the Compass Student Management and communication platform, School Lockers and the provision of an IT rich learning environment through the purchase of additional technology resources.

Please Note: Voluntary Contribution charges do not appear on your Family Statement. They may be paid via the Compass Parent Portal, cash, credit card or cheque.

Payment Methods

2021 School Approved Contributions are available to pay on Compass and is Eltham High School's preferred method of payment. Fees may also be paid for by cash, credit card (over the phone or with the cashier) or cheque.

Please refer to the Eltham High School website regarding the school's Parent Payment and Refund Policies.

Financial Support for Families

Eltham High School 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
- assistance in accessing local community support agencies and grants
- flexible payment plans

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

Jacinta D'Avoine – Revenue Administrator

Ph: 03 9430 5118 | Email: accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,



Vincent Sicari
Principal



Hilary Cantwell
School Council President

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Below is a summary of various charges, to date, for our Year 8 Program. There may be some small additional costs associated with class excursions or buses to attend school sports team activities.

The items listed below are available to pay on Compass. If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete and return the Payment Form at the end of this document.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Student ID Card	\$10
Education Perfect	\$30
Mathletics	\$15
Sumdog Maths Online	\$5
Art/Technology Supplies (Art paper, drawing materials, paint, metal, food)	\$65
Physical Wellbeing Program	\$30
<i>Whole School Swimming Sports inc entrance fee, transport and ribbons (\$15.00)</i>	
<i>Whole School Athletics Sports Event inc Track/Equipment Hire, transport and ribbons (\$15.00)</i>	
Curriculum based Guest Speakers	\$15
Involve – Tutorial / Pastoral Care (including curriculum based student seminars \$10 and student resources \$10)	\$20
Curriculum based resources provided to students in lieu of textbooks	\$40
School Year Level Presentations and Awards	\$15
TOTAL	\$245

Optional Items

Eltham High School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Items	Amount
School Magazine - Mercury	\$25
Sports Vic & District Affiliation Fees	\$15
TOTAL	\$
Year 8 Surf Camp (2020 cost \$170.00) <i>Details and payment via Compass Events Term 4, 2020</i>	To be confirmed Term 4, 2020
Optional sporting activities and excursions scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year <i>Details and payment via Compass Events</i>	To be confirmed prior to individual Events

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Voluntary Contributions

Eltham High School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family				Amount
Eltham High School Student Services Contribution <i>This voluntary contribution funds our student services and support programs through the employment of our First Aid attendant, Student Services and IT support staff, as well as access to the Compass Student Management and communication platform, School Lockers and the provision of an IT rich learning environment through the purchase of additional technology resources.</i>	No	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$
Eltham High School General Contribution <i>This allows for the employment of our Maintenance team, as well as additional equipment, materials and resources for the Library and other areas of the school to enhance the learning environment and student outcomes. While this is a voluntary contribution, we do ask you to contribute, as it does greatly add to the enhancement of the services that the school can provide.</i>	No	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$
Eltham High School Building Fund	Yes	\$90	\$120	\$150	\$200	\$
TOTAL						\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

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Below is a listing of additional Optional Extra Curricular Programs and experiences that have been offered to Eltham High School students in recent years. The indicative cost provides a guide to what has been charged in previous years. 2021 costs will be confirmed in due course.

Optional Items – Extra Curricular Programs		Indicative Cost
Music Program		\$1,370 - \$3,000
Instrumental Music Lessons	\$950 - \$1500	
Main Ensemble Fee	\$270 - \$600	
Music Camp	\$150	
Percussion Levy	\$350 (applicable only to percussion instrument)	
Instrument Hire	\$600 (applicable for only those hiring through the school)	
Small Ensemble Fee	\$100-500	
Uniform	\$130-\$160 (to be purchased in Year 8)	
In addition to Program Fees		
Individual Tuition (VCE 1-4)	\$1700	
After School Music Lessons	\$656 per semester	
Generations in Jazz Festival	\$560	
Volleyball Program		\$335 - \$460
Program Fee	\$150	
Uniform	\$125 (to be purchased in Year 7)	
Vic School Cup Tournaments	\$185	
In addition to Program Fees		
Australian School's Cup VIC	\$460	
Australian Schools' Cup QLD	\$1500	
After School Drama Program		\$180 per semester
In addition to Program Fees		\$1,300
Adelaide Fringe Festival Tour (senior group only)	\$1300	
After School Swimming Program		\$90 per semester
Additional Camps and Tours (available to students Year 9 and above)		
Middle School Ski Camp		\$1,500
Rock to Top Tour		\$3,100
USA Space Tour		\$7,500
French Language Tour (France/New Caledonia)		\$5,700
Indonesian Immersion Tour		\$3,200

2021 Parent Payment Arrangement Payment Form – Year 8

2021 School Approved Contributions are available to pay on Compass and is Eltham High School's preferred method of payment. If you wish to pay via Credit Card, please complete payment details below and return to the General Office.

Student Details					
Student Name:					
Parent/Guardian:					
Essential Standard Learning Items					
	Essential Student Learning Items Year 8		\$245.00		\$
			Subtotal Amount:		\$
Optional Items					
	School Magazine – Mercury		\$25.00		\$
	Vic & District Sports Affiliation Fees		\$15.00		\$
			Subtotal Amount:		\$
Voluntary Items					
Eltham High School Student Services Contribution	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$
Eltham High School General Contribution	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$
Eltham High School Building Fund	\$90.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	
			Subtotal Amount:		\$
			TOTAL:		\$
Card Payment Details					
Card Type:	Mastercard	VISA			
Card Number:				Expiry Date:	
Name on Card:				CCV:	
Signature:					