



2021 Parent Payments

Dear Parents & Guardians,

At Nathalia Secondary College our vision is to Inspire Successful and Passionate learners. We know that with the right support every student can achieve their dreams.

Our College is committed to the development and care of our students, to achieve this we need your support. Each year we ask families to contribute a "Parent Payment".

At Nathalia Secondary College our aim is for students who attend our school to develop a love for learning that will set them up for successful participation in tertiary education and structured training (apprenticeships and traineeships). We offer a broad range of learning outcomes that rival other schools and work in close partnership with St Mary of the Angels College to boost the capacity of our Senior School Program.

The College Council has endeavoured to keep the cost of your child's education as affordable as possible. The payment descriptions below outline what your payment contributes to and we do truly believe it represents outstanding value for money.

We are proud of the achievements of all of our students and of the opportunities we are able to offer them. With your support these opportunities and outcomes will only get better.

Parent Payment Fees of \$240 assist in payment of:

- Textbooks (Maths, English novels)
- Stationery including access to art supplies for finished products, eg: PVA glue, paint, coloured paper, poster paper, card, adhesive tape and craft supplies)
- Student ID cards
- Materials consumed or taken home – foods, metals, woodwork, plastics, textiles projects
- Curriculum related excursions, incursions, school sports (pool hire, rec reserve, tennis club, golf club)

What do schools pay for as part of "free instruction"?

Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program, including reasonable adjustments for student with disabilities.

The College covers the tuition costs of selected VET courses for students completing it as a requirement of their VCE/VCAL program. This includes courses offered by external providers as well as Nathalia Secondary College.

The College covers the tuition costs to deliver the standard curriculum - Victorian Curriculum F-10. The standard curriculum for senior secondary schools means a program that enables a student to be awarded a VCE or VCAL qualification.

More details are available from the Department of Education and Training website;

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx>

Optional Items

Optional items are items, activities or services that are **optional** and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. Students may access these on a user-pays basis. These may include, for example:

- Functions, formals, graduation dinners
- Student photos
- Materials for extracurricular programs eg. Energy Breakthrough
- Fees for extracurricular programs or activities eg. Music
- Camps, excursions, incursions, sports
- School production/performances
- Items and materials that are more expensive than required to meet the standard curriculum
- VET courses (materials fees)
- Photocopying, class handouts, practice exam/test papers
- Access to technology

School Camps

Every year the College offers a school camp for each level. The camps allow students to develop friends and encourages them to extend themselves in a number of areas. Whilst the camps are not compulsory, we do encourage all students to attend. Camps generally cost between \$200.00-\$300.00 depending on the location and activities. At VCE we offer Outdoor Environmental studies unit 3 and 4. If your child selects to undertake this course they will be required to pay the \$500.00 additional fee. The College deems this course to be above the requirements of the standard curriculum.

Financial Assistance

Families may experience financial difficulties and may be unable to meet the full or part payments requested. The College exercises sensitivity to the differing financial circumstances of students and their families. There are a range of support options available to assist parents. These can be accessed by contacting the College.

If you have a valid means tested concessions card you may be eligible for up to \$225.00 from the Sport & Excursion Fund. Please call into the College's office to complete a CSEF Application form.

To help alleviate the financial burden of payments the College also accepts ad hoc payments. We happily accept payments anytime for any amount. Many families make regular payments to the College via direct deposit weekly, fortnightly or monthly. This money soon adds up and families can keep track of the balance through the Family Financial Statement. Please see the fee schedule attached for our bank details.

VET Studies 2021

Students completing VCAL in 2021 are required to enrol and participate in a VET course. VET courses attract a material fee. This fee covers items that VET students are deemed to consume or take possession of.

We appreciate the support our families continue to provide to the College and we look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Ginnivan
Principal

2021 Schedule of School Fees

School Fees for 2021 will be \$240.00 per student.

Payment Methods

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of payment options:



Bill Code: 87361 Reference Code: Are unique to each family, please contact the College administration to obtain your code. Alternatively this code is available for current families on the Family Financial Statements.

DIRECT DEPOSIT –

Account Name: Nathalia Secondary College Official Account

B.S.B: 633000

Account Number: 110529054

Reference: Please use either the students name or the person making payments name.

MAIL – Post a cheque to Nathalia Secondary College PO Box 42 Nathalia VIC 3638

CENTREPAY SCHEME – Nathalia Secondary College is approved to accept payments from the Centrepay Scheme. This means that parents/guardians on a Centrelink Payment can elect to request to deduct a chosen amount from your payment to pay off your child's education expenses.

Centrepay Reference Number: 555 103 858 J

IN PERSON – Pay at the general office between 8.45am – 4.15pm, Monday to Friday by either cash, cheques or EFTPOS which accepts credit and debit cards.

Please note that we are unable to accept credit cards payments over the phone.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY



FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.

Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.