



PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS – 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Nathalia Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2024.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is highly valued by our school community. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. 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.

Please find attached Nathalia Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2024. The total amount per student is \$250.00.

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

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Robinson
Principal

Phil McKenna
School Council President

2024 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

ITEM	Annual Amount per STUDENT
CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom consumables, materials and equipment, eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper - Food Tech –flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta - Science – chemicals - Health and Physical Education - equipment • Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials • Whole school events (athletics and swimming carnivals) • ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets • Online subscriptions, eg: Edrolo, Squizya 	\$210.00
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student wellbeing programs, eg: Live for Life • First aid equipment 	\$40.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PER STUDENT	\$250.00

ITEM	Item Amount	Number of students in your family	Annual Amount per FAMILY
Curriculum Contributions	\$210.00		
Other Contributions	\$40.00		
TOTAL FAMILY CONTRIBUTION			

Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum, including:

- Computer applications where our students have their own individual password – at Nathalia Secondary College we use Edrolo, Squizya, Essential Assessment and ACER testing.
- Everyday items that your child will use in the classroom to enrich the learning of the essential curriculum such as art supplies, science experiment equipment, cooking ingredients, technology materials.

Other Contributions

Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Nathalia Secondary College, eg: sport teams, transport to events, end of year activities, and sport and activities equipment.

Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) Items and Activities

Nathalia Secondary College 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-pays basis. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year, eg: camps.

Financial Support for Families

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

- **State Schools' Relief** provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate
- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. If you hold a current Health Care card you may be eligible. An application form is attached to this letter.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Daniel Robinson, Principal, or Craig Carley, Wellbeing Coordinator on 03 5866 2331.

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Nathalia Secondary College. If you would like to make regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments, individual payment plans can be arranged. Please contact the Office.

Payments can be made in the following ways:

- **BPay.** Please contact the office for your unique BPay code.
- **In Person.** Payments can be made at the Office between 8.30am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. Cash, cheque or EFTPOS are all accepted (please note, we cannot accept American Express).
- **POST.** You can mail a cheque to Nathalia Secondary College, PO Box 42, Nathalia, 3638.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the Principal 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 Payment 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 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	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.