

22nd August 2022



Dear Parent/Guardian

Drouin Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Drouin Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2023. 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, whether through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide:

- Subsidised sporting events
- Lockers for each student and to replace these as required
- Free presentations or incursions such as the following:
 - "Keys to Drive"
 - "Bullying and Cyber Safety"
- VCE lectures and information evenings
- Theatrical performances
- A wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences including 8 Hands on Learning, 9TPP, Lifeskills and 10VIP
- Enhanced digital learning opportunities
- Upgrades and maintenance to make our school a more pleasurable learning and working environment
- Faster WIFI and internet

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

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund CSEF for eligible families. Applications are available on the DSC website.
- State Schools Relief
- Loan netbooks

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- Connections to external providers such as Saver Plus programs, Anglicare, and other similar organisations
- Student Financial Assistance funded by Drouin Secondary College (case by case need)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Josie O'Connor, Business Manager, OR Chloe Whelan, Administration. Ph: 03 5625 1002 Email: josie.oconnor@education.vic.gov.au or chloe.whelan@education.vic.gov.au .

All financial discussions will be kept strictly confidential and if you would like further information on Financial Assistance go to the link below for the Department of Education and Training Financial Assistance Policy - <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/financial-help-families/policy> .

Payment Methods:

Our preferred payment method is via the Compass portal. If you need assistance in using Compass to pay, please do not hesitate to contact our general office.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Godwin
Principal

Denise Palmer
School Council President