

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In preparation for another great year of teaching and learning at Gisborne Secondary College, we wish to advise you of your child's educational and learning material requirements for 2024.

This pack contains information that outlines the textbooks and stationery your child will need for each of their subjects as well as a list of voluntary contributions, including tax deductible contributions to our Library and Building Funds.

Campion Booklist

This list continues the **essential items** that each student will need for each subject. In some cases, the item will be a digital subscription that will be used in class in place of a textbook. Information about how to access the online platforms required is available on the form and on our website, however these items are not supplied by the school.

Stationery List

This list contains the items that each student will need and are also essential items that parents are required to provide. You have the option of ordering all or part of these items from our local supplier, Office National, or purchasing the items your child needs elsewhere. These items are not supplied by the school.

Parent Payment Contributions

Whilst the school provides students with free instruction to fulfil the Victorian curriculum requirements, parent payment contributions are voluntary. These voluntary parent contributions assist us to provide improved resources for your child, ranging from enhanced classroom materials and student resource workbooks to equipment and updated technology. The ongoing support from our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

The Student Wellbeing contribution is in place to support vulnerable students in a range of different ways including food items, and additional resources to support improved student health and wellbeing.

We have two tax deductible contributions, for our Building and Library Funds respectively. These funds are directed by school council, for specific projects and enhancements in our library space and any other buildings as required. We provide you with an invoice at the end of each financial year to reflect your contribution.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF)

If you have a current Pension or Health Care Card, you may be eligible for CSEF Funding. CSEF provides payments for eligible students to attend school camps, excursions, sports and outdoor education programs. Please fill in the CSEF form and provide a copy of your card to the front office to determine your eligibility.

I wish to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising, volunteering your time, or making voluntary curriculum contributions.

This makes a significant difference to our school and the programs and facilities we are able to offer that include but are not limited to:

- An evidence-based teaching and learning program, which includes a classroom instructional model, developed by the College (LEARN), a strong focus on high impact teaching strategies, and building student engagement
- Dedicated Year 7 and VCE Learning Centres
- A specific Year 9 Program (RAID) designed to lift student engagement, develop student independence and maturity, and build a positive student culture
- A three year Senior School Program that allows all students to accelerate across year levels, and ensures students are better prepared for the challenges of senior school qualifications
- Access to an extensive VET program, including: Building & Construction, Business, Engineering, Automotive, Music Industry, Sport and Recreation, Screen and Media, Equine Studies, and Electrical Industry
- A strong vocational program including support for School Based Apprenticeships and the HeadStart program
- Opportunities for academic enrichment and extension activities for high-performing students
- A well resourced Wellbeing centre, to support student health and wellbeing
- A double court gymnasium, through a joint use agreement with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council
- The 216 seat Barcham Theatre housed within the performing arts complex
- A 1:1 'Bring Your Own Device' Computer program that provides for computer connectivity for all students across all year levels

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one page overview attached to the Parent Payment Contributions form.

I look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning and development in 2024.

Yours Sincerely,



Sarah Rose
Principal