

Dear Parent/Guardian

Gisborne Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Gisborne Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill 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 that's through fundraising or volunteering your time, or making voluntary curriculum contributions. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs and facilities we offer that include but are not limited to:

- A new instructional Framework developed by the College (LEARN), which includes a strong focus on evidence-based HITS (High Impact Teaching Strategies)
- Year 7 and 8 Learning Centres
- A specific Year 9 Program (RAID) designed to lift engagement and develop adult-like responsibilities
- 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
- 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 access to School Based Apprenticeship and the HeadStart program.
- A strong careers development and pathways program
- A double-court gymnasium, in joint use 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.

Yours Sincerely,



Sarah Rose
Acting Principal



Samantha Fisher
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum			Amount
Year 10 Electives	Amount	✓	
Charges are per semester			
ARTS			
<i>Digital Arts – Specialist printing papers, ink costs and mountboards</i>	\$40		
<i>Media Studies – Materials for presentation of practical tasks, SD cards, mountboards and photo paper</i>	\$50		
<i>Studio 10 – Cost of materials for printing, painting, sculpture, ceramic and mixed media art work</i>	\$60		
<i>Visual Communication and Design -Paper, cardboard various pencils, fineliners, paints and model making supplies</i>	\$60		
ENGLISH			
<i>English – Student resource workbook (whole year charge)</i>	\$20		
<i>English Language – Student resource workbook</i>	\$10		
<i>Literature – Student resource workbook</i>	\$20		
HUMANITIES			
<i>Ancient History – Student resource workbook</i>	\$20		
MATHEMATICS			
<i>Mathematics C – Pre-apprentice book and practise quiz book (whole year charge)</i>	\$15		\$
SCIENCE			
<i>Biology – Student resource workbook</i>	\$20		
<i>Chemistry – Student resource workbook</i>	\$10		
<i>Environmental Science – Student resource workbook</i>	\$10		
<i>Forensic Science – Student resource workbook</i>	\$20		
<i>Physics – Student resource workbook</i>	\$20		
<i>Psychology – Student resource workbook</i>	\$20		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH			
<i>Health and Human Development – Student resource workbook</i>	\$10		
<i>Physical Education – Student resource workbook</i>	\$10		
TECHNOLOGY			
<i>Automotive – Materials charge for oils and parts for student led projects</i>	\$20		

Electronics and Robotics – Student resource workbook First Term Electronics – Materials for at least two projects out of doorbell, electronic (tilt) siren, chaser, electronic organ, touch switch simple vehicle, 3 digit counter or 12v high-power amplifier Second Term Robotics – One of two projects out of PICAXE traffic lights, disco lights or IR RC car	\$105		
Engineering – Welding and Fabrication – Materials for outdoor cooker	\$50		
Food Technology – Ingredients supplied for weekly practical cooking sessions	\$100		
Textiles Technology – Materials supplied including zippers, cotton, buttons, ribbons and patterns. Students will also need to provide their own fabric for some of the garments they make	\$35		
Wood Technology – Materials for document box and table	\$70		
Technology projects may differ slightly to those listed			
VCE Units 1-2			
	Amount	✓	
Charges are per year			
Biology Units 1 & 2 – Scientific poster material, chapter summary booklets and/or student resource workbook	\$20		
Business Management Units 1 & 2 – Summary note booklets and revision booklets	\$40		
Chemistry Units 1 & 2 - Scientific poster material, chapter summary booklets and/or student resource workbook	\$10		
English Units 1 & 2 – Student resource workbook	\$20		
Environmental Science Units 1 & 2 - Scientific poster material, chapter summary booklets and/or student resource workbook	\$10		\$
Food Studies Units 1 & 2 – Ingredients for weekly practical cooking sessions	\$200		
Legal Studies Units 1 & 2 – Student resource workbook	\$20		
Literature Units 1 & 2 – Student resource workbook	\$20		
Media Studies Units 1 & 2 – Materials for presentation of practical tasks including photo paper, SD cards and mountboard	\$55		
Physics Units 1 & 2 – Scientific poster materials, chapter summary booklets and/or student resource booklets	\$20		

Psychology Units 1 & 2 – Scientific poster materials, chapter summary booklets and/or student resource booklets	\$20	
Sociology Units 1 & 2 – Student resource workbook	\$20	
Studio Arts Units 1 & 2 – Cost of materials for printing, painting, sculpture, ceramic and mixed media artwork	\$100	
Systems Engineering Units 1 & 2 – Student resource workbook Unit 1: Two projects out of a simple vehicle/one of the 2 gearbox cars/infrared robot Unit 2: Two projects out of PICAXE and Arduino projects	\$110	
Visual Communications and Design Units 1 & 2 – Paper, cardboard, various pencils, fineliners, paints and model making supplies	\$80	
Year 10 printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials		\$10
4SP Senior School Program - Booklet		\$20
Year 10 whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics carnival - entry and transport 		\$20
		Please use CSEF <input type="checkbox"/>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities		Amount
Student and Parent Communication – XUNO	\$20	\$
Affiliation and Registration Charges – PIVOT student survey system and EDVAL timetabling program	\$15	
Oliver library management system – online curriculum resources	\$4	
School Sports Victoria membership	\$3	
Student Wellbeing program – a contribution of your choice is welcome and will go directly towards providing wellbeing programs to students in the school		\$
Locker Maintenance – a contribution of your choice is welcome		\$
School grounds maintenance and improvements – a contribution of your choice is welcome		\$

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$
Library Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Please refer to the attached booklist for a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from **Campion Education** for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Gisborne 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
English Incursion – Entry fee for Macbeth Performance <i>Please use CSEF <input type="checkbox"/></i>	\$15	
College Magazine – Chameleon	\$25	
Student Union - The SRC (student representative council) are an elected body of students from across all year levels who dedicate their time and resources to give the whole student community fairness, opportunities and a voice	\$5	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Flexible payment plans that can be tailored to your specific situation

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

Katrina Robertson

Ph: 03 5428 3691 | Email: Katrina.robertson@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Gisborne Secondary College prefers that all payments and parental consent be completed on the smartphone app called Qkr! (pronounced - Quicker). Qkr! with Masterpass is an app that lets parents pay for school charges and excursions directly from their smartphone. Qkr! for schools means you're not sending your child to school with cash or credit card details and you can have peace of mind knowing they won't forget to hand in their permission forms before the due date.

Other payment methods include BPAY, direct eft transfer, or credit card. Please see more information about these payment methods on the following page:




Refunds

Parents requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided when 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

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Student Name _____ Year Level _____

<input type="checkbox"/> QKR Instructions on how to setup QKR are on the GSC website <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH / CHEQUE The College prefers that large amounts of cash are not brought to school by students
<input type="checkbox"/> BPAY Please contact the Finance Office for your BPAY reference number <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT EFT TRANSFER BSB 633 000 Account Number 152534053 Please use your family code as a reference for the payment
<input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT CARD – ONE OFF TRANSACTION Credit Card details are not stored – this portion will be removed and destroyed after the payment has been processed <div style="margin-top: 10px;">  </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </div> Expiry date: _____ / _____ Card Type: MASTERCARD / VISA Name as it appears on the card: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____ Total Amount to be Processed: \$ _____	

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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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.