



15th October 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Peninsula Specialist College would like to advise you of Peninsula Specialist College's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Peninsula Specialist College is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)* with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Trevor Hodsdon

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Curriculum Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. • Technology – gardening tool, plants etc. • Food tech – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc. • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • Sports – equipment • Sensory items	\$70
Online Subscriptions • Reading eggs	\$10
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Communication tools – PODD books, assistive technology devices, displays	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions (Parent/guardian to complete)	\$

Other Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$10
Student wellbeing programs	\$20
First aid and hygiene equipment	\$20
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$10
Total tax-deductible Other Contributions (Parent/guardian to complete)	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Peninsula Specialist College offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School magazine/ yearbook	\$10
Camps and excursions to be scheduled [See requesting parent payments for camps and excursions one-page overview for more information]	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (Parent/guardian to complete)	\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements contact Melinda Dunston on 5987 2649 or by email:

Melinda.dunston@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Total recommended amount	Total payment
Total tax-deductible contributions	\$170	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$10	\$
Total	\$180	\$

Payment methods

Payment can be made by direct credit to the school bank account:

BSB: 063 093

ACC: 10003536

ACC NAME: Peninsula Specialist College

REF: Student Name

Or by cash or EFT at the school office or via the Compass pay portal

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

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.