



St. Arnaud Secondary College

Parent Payments 2018

St. Arnaud Secondary College Council is committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for all our students. In order to support our students and parents throughout the year, the College makes available to all students many items and services that are generally funded by parents.

Parent Payments make it possible for the College to maintain its high standards of education.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has a policy for “Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools”. The St. Arnaud Secondary College Council ensures compliance with the DEECD policy and associated guidelines, when undertaking their implementation and administration.

Schools are able to request payments from parents/guardians in the following categories;

Essential Educational Items, Optional Extras and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Essential education items are those items which parents/guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide for their child.

Optional extras are those items which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents/guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates in. (ie School Magazine, ICT, Library resources, printing/internet allowance)

Voluntary financial contributions are items in which parents/guardians may be invited to donate to the school.

Your support of St. Arnaud Secondary College is greatly appreciated.

Anthony Hand
Principal

ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

To reduce the number of requests for payment throughout the year, a single charge has been applied to all parents/guardians of students attending St. Arnaud Secondary College. This is the Essential Educational Items charge.

The funds collected from families for this charge contribute directly to your child's educational experiences and make it possible for St. Arnaud Secondary College to continue to provide an excellent range of services including travel to sporting venues, materials that are provided and students take home – i.e. photocopying, practise exams, additional materials for woodwork, textiles, ceramics, and photography, and in some classes, class sets are used instead of asking parents to purchase textbooks.

The College Council, of whom the majority are parents, is mindful of the costs incurred by parents/guardians. After careful consideration, it has been determined that the annual **Essential Educational Items** 2018 Curriculum Charge will be:

Year 7 - 8	\$
Curriculum Charge	40.00
Sport Travel	40.00
Food Technology	50.00 per Semester
Year 9	
Curriculum Charge	40.00
Sport Travel	40.00
NCTC Fee	60.00 per Semester
Year 10	
Curriculum Charge	40.00
Sport Travel	40.00
Food Technology	100.00 per Semester
NCTC Fee	60.00 per Semester
Year 11	
Curriculum Charge	60.00
Sport Travel	40.00
Food Technology	100.00 per Semester
Year 12	
Curriculum Charge	60.00
Sport Travel	40.00
Food Technology	100.00 per Semester

Optional Extra Items

These items have been classified as an ***Optional Extra*** and available on a user pays basis. Non-payment of these elective charges may result in the student not being able to participate in the activity

Optional Extra charged throughout the year to cover costs, if applicable, such as:

CAMPS & EXCURSIONS

Throughout 2018, specific year levels and subject areas will arrange camps, excursions and tours that enhance the school based learning. Parents will be provided with full details and costs prior to each activity. The School must receive payment in full of these costs, prior to departure.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Funds (CSEF) received by families can be used for these events.

In 2017 the costs were:

Year 7 Halls Gap Camp - \$250.00

Year 8 Rubicon Camp - \$226.00

Year 9 – 10 Urban Camp - \$350.00

RACV Camp - \$100.00

State School Spectacular - \$80.00 (subsidized - NGSC Grant and fundraising)

Driver Education - \$80.00

New curriculum in 2018.

Outdoor Education – Camps and Excursions cost \$300.00 approximately

Kara MAGAZINE - Each year St Arnaud Secondary College produces a school magazine.

VET IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

Students electing to study a VETiS program are required to pay additional charges. The cost of the completed project will be invoiced to the family.

PRINTING ALLOWANCE - Students are required to purchase further printing credits on using their yearly allocation.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND OPTIONS

- Parents will be provided with early notification of annual payment requests and reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year (i.e. excursions, camps)
- The College offers Parents the option to make payments by instalments. Please contact Kerrie Swanton Business Manager to make these arrangements.
- Other methods of payment are BPAY, cash or cheque.
- The payment for Optional Items including camps and excursions must be paid by the specified due date prior to departure. Other payments for Optional Items including Food Technology must be paid in week 2 of each Term, or by negotiated instalments.
- Answers to any queries and details of payment options are available by contacting the General Office 5495 1811. The office is open from 8.30am to 4.30pm each school day.