
Oberon High School

Shape Your Future - Go One Better

5th November, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Oberon High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Oberon High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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.

Within our school this support allows us to offer a wider, more enhanced experience above and beyond what the government funding covers, allowing students to shape their future and go one better.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached (page 8).

Yours sincerely



Tim McMahon
Principal



Scott Barnes
School Council President

BREAKDOWN OF CONTRIBUTIONS – YEAR 12 *(all amounts correct at time of publication)*

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum			Curriculum Contribution
Subjects	✓	Amount	
Units 3 & 4 Arts – including but not limited to canvas, paint, clay, glaze, linoleum, carving tools, ink, acetate, glue and speciality paper		\$120.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Biology – including but not limited to biological specimens, model construction materials, etc		\$20.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Chemistry – chemicals & reagents		\$25.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Food Technology – including but not limited to flour, milk, eggs, butter, baking powder, various meat cuts, packaging.		\$250.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Indonesian – school created Textbooks		\$15.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Music – sheet music/scores, recordings, backing music, etc		\$60.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Outdoor Ed – transport, etc – Half Day Hike, 3 Day Great Ocean Walk, 4 Day Grampians Bushwalk/Canoe Trip, plus several other single day activities.		\$290.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Physical Education – Student resource booklet (\$20) and entrance fees and/or transport - BioLab, Fitness Circuits at local gyms, X-Golf, etc. (\$50)		\$70.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Physics – includes but is not limited to electrical/electronic components used in experiments		\$15.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Psychology – includes but is not limited to biological specimens, model construction materials		\$15.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Systems Engineering – includes but is not limited to electrical mechanical systems, plastics, glues, etc used in the construction of a student's individual choice project ie advanced robot or vending machine.		\$150.00	\$
Units 3 & 4 Wood Technology – wood, nails, glue, etc used in the construction of a student's individual choice project		\$185.00	\$
Year 12 Printing and Photocopying of Worksheets and Learning Materials		\$30.00	\$
VET Program – only relevant to families of students participating in VET Courses. Contribution to support the provision of VET subjects including transport <i>(a bus to transport students to their registered training centres (Terms 1, 2 & 3 = \$37.90 per term. Term 4 – \$16.30)</i>		\$130.00	\$
Total Curriculum Contributions			\$

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives	✓	Amount	Other Contributions
School Sports Victoria Membership (covers costs associated with students participating in Interschool sports at regional and state levels ie hire of referees, venue costs, etc)		\$11.50	\$
Student Wellbeing Programs/Activities (supports the provision of materials, activities for targeted small group wellbeing programs ie workbooks, take home resources – journals, anxiety toys, mandala colouring books etc, craft supplies, wood, nails, glue & food items. Whole school interactive activities like RUOK Day, Fresh Fruit (for students) Program. Supply of essential resources to students with wellbeing needs eg: stationary, shoes, socks, uniform, text books, drink bottles, lunches)		\$20.00	\$
First Aid Equipment (assists in replenishing supplies used in giving aid to students who are unwell and/or injured)		\$6.00	\$
School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements (supports the school's vision on creating and maintaining great outside areas for the students to enjoy ie Shade Sails, outdoor furniture, new trees & plants, etc)		\$30.00	\$
Total Other Contributions			\$

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN & USE

Oberon High School recommends you purchase from either the chosen supplier (as listed) or you can source elsewhere for your child to individually own and use.

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN & USE	Suggested Provider	✓	Amount	Total
Units 3 & 4 English - Edrolo online digital tutoring access and printed textbook which is used regularly in class and for homework.	Tutor On Demand Pty Ltd <i>(families will receive a letter with a link to register and pay)</i>		\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 Biology - Edrolo online digital tutoring access and printed textbook which is used regularly in class and for homework.			\$99.00	
Units 3 & 4 Business Management - Edrolo online digital tutoring access and printed textbook which is used regularly in class and for homework.			\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 Chemistry - Edrolo online digital tutoring access and printed textbook which is used regularly in class and for homework			\$99.00	
Units 3 & 4 Food Technology - Edrolo online digital tutoring access and printed textbook which is used regularly in class and for homework.			\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 Further Maths - Edrolo online digital tutoring access and printed textbook which is used regularly in class and for homework.			\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 Health & Human Development – Edrolo online digital tutoring access which is used regularly in class and for homework			\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 History - Edrolo online digital tutoring access and printed textbook which is used regularly in class and for homework.			\$27.50	

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EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN & USE CONT'D....

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN & USE	Suggested Provider	✓	Amount	Totals
Units 3 & 4 Legal Studies - Edrolo online digital tutoring access and printed textbook which is used regularly in class and for homework.	Tutor On Demand Pty Ltd <i>(families will receive a letter with a link to register and pay)</i>		\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 Maths Methods – Edrolo online digital tutoring access which is used regularly in class and for homework			\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 Physical Education - Edrolo online digital tutoring access which is used regularly in class and for homework			\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 Physics - Edrolo online digital tutoring access which is used regularly in class and for homework			\$27.50	
Units 3 & 4 Psychology - Edrolo online digital tutoring access which is used regularly in class and for homework			\$27.50	
Textbooks, Novels, General & Subject Specific Stationery	WINC Schools <i>(see booklist for logon & ordering instructions)</i>		Various	
Combination Locks for student lockers <i>(If students lose their current lock. This item is to own and use)</i>	Oberon High School <i>(contact school to purchase)</i>		\$10.00	
Units 3 & 4 German – Language Perfect digital tutoring program which is used regularly in class and for homework	Oberon High School <i>(contributions can be made through XUNO Parent Portal when activated in 2022)</i>		\$30.00	\$
School Magazine/Yearbook (The Monarch)	Oberon High School <i>(through XUNO Parent Portal)</i>		\$22.00	\$
			Total	\$

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the slip below and return this to the school by **Friday December 3rd, 2021**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES		Purchase (please ✓)	Amount	Totals
<p>Oberon High School 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 optional and provided on a user-pays basis.</p> <p><i>If you wish to enter into a payment plan for these items please contact Julie Barnes, Finance Officer to arrange</i></p>				
<p>Year 12 Pathways - Includes but is not limited to – transport costs to and from TIS Event at Deakin Waterfront Campus including interactive activities along Career Action Plans, Yr 12 ELEVATE program, transition to University/TAFE/Employment and insights from a session on "Success Integrated" with Darren Pierra, etc</p>			\$50.00	\$
<p>Units 3 & 4 Outdoor Education – transport and entry -Surf Sessions x2, Coastal Hike, Indoor & Outdoor Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking, Stand Up paddle Boarding, Sea All Dolphin/Seal Adventures</p>			\$270.00	\$
<p>VCE 5 Day Ski Camp (<i>open to both Units 2 & 4 Outdoor Ed students</i>) - covers some meals, equipment hire, lift passes, transport via mini bus and coach from Mt Beauty to Bogong Village.</p>			\$350.00	\$
<p>Vocal Instruction - \$10 per term (costs to cover sheet music, performance backings, hire of sound engineers/accompanists for live performances)</p>			\$40.00	\$
<p>Rock Band Program - \$10 per term (costs to cover sheet music, performance backings, hire of sound engineers/accompanists for live performances)</p>			\$40.00	\$
Total of Extra-Curricular Contribution			\$	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We wish to enter into a payment plan for the above items indicated.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please use current unallocated funds on my account for the above items indicated.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please use my CSEF for the above items indicated (<i>can only be used for Yr 12 Pathways, Outdoor Ed Activities, any extra-curricular excursions and Interschool Sports (as detailed on next page)</i>).</p>				
Student Surname		Student First Name		
IF YOU COMPLETE THIS SECTION PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE				

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES CONT'D...

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THAT WILL ARISE DURING THE YEAR Oberon High School 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 optional and provided on a user-pays basis. Most of these activities/excursions will appear on XUNO with permission forms and parent contribution details prior to the activity/excursion being run.	Amount
Units 3 & 4 Art – entry to the National Gallery of Victoria – Transport TBA	\$7.00
Units 3 & 4 Biology – bus transport to Biolab – Genetics	\$5.00
Units 3 & 4 Food Technology – bus transport to Vic Market & a farm visit	\$35.00
Units 3 & 4 Physics – bus transport and entry to Luna Park	\$57.00
Units 3 & 4 Wood Technology –entry to the Top Designs Exhibition in Melbourne – Transport TBA (<i>entry costs to be confirmed</i>)	\$7.00
Interschool Sport Participation – transport costs to sporting venues. Parents will be notified before events with a permission form and details of the costs (payable before event). (<i>CSEF can be used for these activities</i>)	Various
Year 12 Valedictory Dinner – covers the facility hire, equipment hire, DJ, etc (Cost to be confirmed). Bookings will be made through Trybooking. More information in September/October.	\$90.00 TBC

TOTALS

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Educational Items for Students to own and use (Oberon HS items only)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
TOTAL	\$

Financial Support for Families

The school appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting requests for contributions. A range of support options are available to assist parents, and parents can also organise a payment plan for extra-curricular items and activities with the school Family Accounts Officer.

Support Agencies and Funds

Oberon High School has established partnerships with some welfare and support agencies that can provide assistance to students and their families with the costs of text books, uniforms and school shoes. Access to these supports is available through referral from the Student Wellbeing Manager. Families generally require a current relevant Centrelink benefit card to access these supports. Please contact the Student Wellbeing Manager. The school is also registered with Centrelink to receive payments via their Centrepay system which is only available to holders of relevant current Centrelink benefit cards.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The CSEF provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Payment Plans

Parents who wish to enter into a Payment Plan for any Extra-Curricular items and activities please contact Julie Barnes, Finance Officer.

Payment Options

The School's preferred options for payment of Parent Contributions.

- 1. XUNO Online Payments** - through the Parent Portal *(School preferred method)*
- 2. Credit Payments Over Phone** – *phone school to speak to the Finance Officer, Julie Barnes and details will be taken over the phone and directly entered into the card machine.*

The following 2 methods are also available but please contact the school to inform them of what items you wish to make the contribution towards. These methods can also be used for an arranged payment plan for extra-curricular items and activities

- 3. BPay** *(details can be found at the bottom of Family Invoices/Statements or by contacting the school)*
- 4. Centrepay** *(Only available to holders of Centrelink Benefit Cards - can be done individually through Centrelink or school can submit your application to Centrelink on your behalf –form available in office).*

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds/credits are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where 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.

The school will provide a refund/credit onto family accounts for unavoidable event cancellations due either to family crises and/or sudden illness making it impossible for the student to attend or if the school has had to cancel due to changes to bookings ie Covid lockdowns..

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.