



UNIVERSITY  
HIGH SCHOOL

# The University High School

## Year 10 Parent Contributions 2025





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3 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

University High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of The University High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to enhance a range of programs and areas, including a vibrant sporting and co-curricular program, items and equipment for Art/Tech, Science, PE and other learning areas. This includes whole year level incursions and excursions, online textbooks for Mathematics, Languages and other learning areas, trial exams and external markers to support our VCE students, guest speakers, professional writing workshops and publication of student work, additional student wellbeing personnel and programs, a wide range of student clubs, additional resources to support students' literacy and numeracy learning and the continuous updating of digital technology and equipment in our Art/Technology and Music classes. The quality of our students' learning and experiences on display in our exhibitions and performances, our newsletter and yearbook, and our daily activities are the outcome of this generous support from our families.

Your donations to our Building and Library Funds have enabled upgrades to facilities including student bathrooms, the stage in the Sharman Hall and the installation of CCTV; and have allowed us to maintain an extensive, contemporary physical and digital library collection, including access to high-quality research databases usually beyond the scope of a school library.

The University High School Council want to thank you for all your support. So many parents in 2024 have made contributions according to their family's means, whether financial or through volunteering time and skills, or both. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached. This year, the School Saving Bonus also provides families with additional support in meeting the costs of the start of school year. You will find information about using these funds in this pack.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Ciar Foster  
**Principal**

Ben Jensen  
**School Council President**



# Year 10 Contributions 2025

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><b>Curriculum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English (stationary/general material for booklets, book covers, posters, making picture book, framework booklet, trial exams)</li> <li>Maths (Compass, digital textbooks, trial exams, ruler, A4 exercise book, protractor, glue stick, scissors, graph/lined paper, plastic sleeves)</li> <li>PE &amp; Health (classroom consumables, resources, materials, equipment, trial exams)</li> <li>Science (Stile X Booklet, dissections, PPE, laboratory supplies)</li> <li>Art &amp; Technology (media equipment, design materials, laser cutting/3D printing, paper clay, feathers, wire, cutters, wood working, paint, canvas)</li> <li>Humanities (trial exams, texters, posters, tracing/graph paper, markers)</li> <li>Languages (subscriptions, trial exams, classroom consumables, resources, materials)</li> <li>Performing Arts (classroom consumables, musicianship booklet printing, monologue material, specialist technical equipment)</li> <li>Inquiry Learning (classroom consumables)</li> </ul> <p><b>Student Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student ID</li> <li>Library Services &amp; Resources</li> <li>Photocopying credit to student accounts</li> <li>Provision &amp; maintenance of school computers &amp; digital devices</li> <li>Maintenance of school server</li> <li>Unlimited internet</li> </ul> <p><b>Whole school events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletics carnival</li> <li>Swimming carnival</li> </ul> <p><b>Technology Support &amp; ICT Services</b></p>	\$531.00
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$531.00</b>


Suggested Curriculum Contributions for VET	Amount
<p>Suggested VET Students ONLY - Course Contributions. This is a suggested voluntary contribution to assist in covering the specific cost of external VET course fees for VET students only (This will be created separately via Compass Course Confirmation)</p>	<b>\$500.00</b>

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interschool Sport Program - buses, umpires, venue hire, First Aid</li> <li>Student and parent communication tools (Compass, Newsletter)</li> <li>Enhanced wellbeing support - additional staff &amp; programs</li> <li>School grounds maintenance and improvements</li> <li>First Aid equipment</li> <li>Lockers/locker maintenance</li> </ul>	\$276.00
<b>Total other Contributions</b>	<b>\$276.00</b>



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Tax deductible contributions	Suggested Donations
<b>Building fund:</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Library Fund:</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	<b>\$150.00</b>




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

The University 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 provided on a user-pays basis. They include optional excursions and camps, optional sporting or music programs, and materials that don't relate to the Curriculum. 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. Please note that financial assistance is available for all these items - enquire at the front office.

We provide an opportunity for all students to attend to camp. Students will experience the outdoor environment and build resilience, incorporating key learning opportunities related to the curriculum. Families eligible for the Camps, Sports + Excursions Fund (CSEF) may use this funding.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Annual School Magazine - Essence. Printed hardcopy to keep.</i>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<i>School Sports Top (School Saving Bonus can be used)</i>	<b>\$29.00</b>
<i>Instrumental Music Lessons</i>	<b>Pricing provided with music enrolment information</b>

**Note: The cost of additional extra curriculum items and activities (eg. excursions) will be advised throughout the year via Compass events.**



**Educational items for students to own:**

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

- Campion - Booklist (textbooks & stationary)
- Edrolo - digital texts
- Laptop - see BYOD information for details

**School Savings Bonus (SSB) can be used to purchase Champion & Edrolo.**



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**YEAR 10 2025**  
**CONTRIBUTION FORM**

Student Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

Category	(Please Tick)	Amount	Contribution Amount
Curriculum Contributions	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$531.00	\$
Other Contributions	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$276.00	\$
<b>Extra-Curricular Items &amp; Activities</b>			
UHS Sports Top (SSB can be used) Size - 10, 12, 14, 16, 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$29.00	\$
Annual School Magazine - Essence	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00	\$
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>

Tax-Deductible Contributions – Suggested Donations. (Please Tick)			Contribution Amount
Building Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300	\$
Library Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150	\$
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Credit Card Payment**

Please complete if making payments by

VISA

MASTERCARD

I hereby authorise The University High School to debit my account for the above total amount.

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Options for Pay in Contribution (instalments), please see page 10/11.**



**PAY IN CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS**

PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THIS PAGE IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD  
RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE OR EMAIL  
university.hs@education.vic.gov.au

If you pay via Compass Pay you DO NOT need to return this form to us.

Student Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

Option 1  
(Half Yearly)

Date of Deduction: February 15th, July 21st

Option 1 – Contribution in 2 instalments	Full Amount	Half Yearly Amount	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$531.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$265.50	\$
Other Contributions	\$276.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$138.00	\$
<b>Total: \$807.00</b>		<b>Total: \$403.50</b>	<b>\$</b>

Option 2  
(Quarterly)

Date of Deduction: February 15th, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th

Option 2 – Contribution in 4 instalments	Full Amount	Quarterly Amount	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$531.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$132.75	\$
Other Contributions	\$276.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$69.00	\$
<b>Total: \$807.00</b>		<b>Total: \$201.75</b>	<b>\$</b>

Option 3  
(Monthly)

Date of Deduction: 15th of every month (January to October)

Option 3 – Contribution in 10 instalments	Full Amount	Monthly Amount	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$531.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$53.10	\$
Other Contributions	\$276.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$27.60	\$
<b>Total: \$807.00</b>		<b>Total: \$80.70</b>	<b>\$</b>



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**Name on Card** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiry Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.