



UNIVERSITY
HIGH SCHOOL

The University High School

Year 8 Parent Contributions 2025





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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



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English (stationary/general material for booklets, book covers, posters, making picture books) Maths (Compass, digital textbooks, ruler, A4 exercise book, protractor, glue stick, scissors, graph/lined paper, plastic sleeves) PE & Health (classroom consumables, resources, materials, equipment) Science (Stile X Booklet, dissections, PPE, laboratory supplies) Art & Technology (paper clay, feathers, wire, cutters, wood bases, paint, canvas, glitter) Humanities (colouring pencils/markers, texters, posters, tracing/graph paper, markers) Languages (subscriptions, classroom consumables, resources, materials) Performing Arts (classroom consumables, script printing) Food Technology (food supplies for practical sessions, stationary) Connect (printing, resources, materials) <p>Curriculum Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English (Cinema Film Viewing, Picture Book Workshop) Humanities (Medieval, Organ Pipes) Performing Arts (African Dance/Drama) <p>Student Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student ID Library Services & Resources Photocopying credit to student accounts Provision & maintenance of school computers & digital devices Maintenance of school server Unlimited internet <p>Whole school events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics carnival Swimming carnival <p>Technology Support & ICT Services</p>	\$531.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$531.00

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

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



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. The Year 8 Camp costs \$505.00. Families eligible for the Camps, Sports + Excursions Fund (CSEF) may use this funding. Additional school financial support for camps is also available. Please use this [link](#) to request assistance.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Annual School Magazine - Essence. Printed hardcopy to keep.	\$10.00
School Sports Top (School Saving Bonus can be used)	\$29.00
Year 8 Camp - 3 day/2-night. Includes accommodation, activities, travel and insurance (insurance covers for students for medical treatment, emergency medical evacuation). (School Saving Bonus can be used)	\$505.00
Instrumental Music Lessons	Pricing provided with music enrolment information

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.

- Champion - 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 8 - 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	\$
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities			
Year 8 Camp (SSB can be used)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$505.00	\$
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	\$
TOTAL			\$

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

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.



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

PAY IN CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS - SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

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	\$
Year 8 Camp (SSB can be used)	\$505.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$252.50	\$
Total: \$1,312.00		Total: \$656.00	\$

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	\$
Year 8 Camp (SSB can be used)	\$505.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$126.25	\$
Total: \$1,312.00		Total: \$328.00	\$

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	\$
Year 8 Camp (SSB can be used)	\$505.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.50	\$
Total: \$1,312.00		Total: \$131.20	\$



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PAY IN CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS

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 _____

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.