



2nd December 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Leongatha Secondary College is looking forward to welcoming your child to another positive and productive year of teaching and learning in 2026.

Over the last several years the college has continued working toward improving our teaching and extra-curricular programs that we can offer to our students, and specifically for the last two years, the college has achieved a 'High' performance rating via the Department of Education rating system. This is something that we are extremely proud of, as the rating system considers several student learning and wellbeing indicators that are measured across every school in Victoria.

In our desire to continue offering a positive and inclusive learning environment for all of our students, we would like to advise you of the college's Parent Payment Arrangements for 2026.

We appreciate any contributions that families are able to and choose to make, whether in full or in part. At Leongatha Secondary College, these contributions have enabled us to purchase and maintain equipment in our Sport, Arts and Technology areas, strengthen student wellbeing through support and counselling services, and provide incursions focused on English, Maths and Student safety & mental health, amongst many other things. They have also assisted us in upgrading and improving our buildings and grounds.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for your support, whether that's through paying the Curriculum Contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and that the programs we can offer.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached. Page 3 also outlines a range of payment options that may suit your preferences for any contribution you are able to make.

Yours sincerely

Bradley Hutchinson
Principal

Amber Bell
School Council President



2026 CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS: YEARS 7 – 12

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS:

Items and activities that students in Years 7-12 use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum. These are items and/or activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum.

\$200

- General classroom materials and equipment (e.g. shared classroom stationery, paper, posters/charts)
- Wellbeing support and Breakfast Club
- Subject specific materials and equipment (e.g. materials for English, Mathematics, Language, Science, Art, Music, Technology, Food Technology, Health and Physical Education) including 3D printers, cameras, pottery equipment
- Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT (e.g. devices owned by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance, and server/system costs)
- Photocopying and printing for students (e.g. printed workbooks)
- Curriculum activities (e.g. excursions, incursions, camps, whole-school carnivals - including transport and entry)
- Digital and online subscriptions for learning
- Assessments (e.g. standardised tests, revision packages, external examinations)
- Student ID cards
- Access/participation costs for other curriculum-based programs offered onsite by the College eg. Short courses for VCE/VM, various safety & mental health programs

EXTRA CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES

Leongatha SC 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.

South Gippsland Music Program (SGSMP). Tuition fee to participate	\$330
SGSMP - Tuition fee for Music Program if undertaking 2nd instrument or vocal	\$165
SGSMP - Tuition fee for Music Program undertaking Band only	\$130
SGSMP - Hire costs associated hiring instrument whilst undertaking program	\$150

Activity days, camps and excursions are planned throughout the year for Year levels, electives and VCE subjects. Events will be published via Compass with the cost associated.



EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN

All required textbooks & stationary for your child to individually own and use can be ordered via our suggested third-party suppliers. Campion Education for textbooks, and stationary requirements. We have forwarded details on how to order each of these online,

PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

COMPASS: Online via COMPASS, our parent portal.

Instalments are available for Curriculum Contributions - either per term (\$50) or per month (\$20) for 10 months

Instalments are also available for camps that are over \$300

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Account Name: **Leongatha Secondary College Council**
BSB: **083-001** Account Number: **90-165-7165**
Please reference your family name when making payments

You may like to create an ongoing regular direct deposit that will credit your family account. These funds can be then used as costs associated with curriculum or activities/camps arise.

BPAY: The Biller code and your reference number is available from the general office

OTHER: Directly to the office by cash or credit card.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief vouchers for uniform purchase
- Payment plans for Extra Curricular Items & Activities

For a confidential discussion regarding these services, or if you would like to discuss alternate payment arrangements, please contact Business Manager:

Georgie Kibble | Ph: 03 5667 2200 | gkibble@leonsec.vic.edu.au

REFUNDS

Parent requests for refunds 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.

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.