LILYDALE
HIGH SCHOOL

December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Lilydale High School is proud to offer a range of exemplary curricular and extracurricular programs tailored to meet the needs and interests of our students, and we would like to advise you of Lilydale High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Nevertheless, the Victorian Government supplies most of the school's funding, Lilydale High School is reliant on locally raised funds in the form of parent or carer contributions to supplement government funding to offer the best possible education and support for our students.

Parent contributions allow us to make a significant difference to the school environment, student wellbeing and the learning programs we offer. Your support would be greatly valued and ensure the viability of student-focused programs in 2026.

Within our school, this support has allowed us to fund:

- A wider array of subject offerings, particularly in years 10 - 12.
- Literacy and numeracy intervention support programs to improve learning outcomes
- A dedicated STEM, Zoology, Performing Arts, stadium, Health and Wellbeing Centres and associated programs.
- The rollout of digital screens in all classrooms to support teaching and learning.
- Employment of specialist staff, including Health and Wellbeing Practitioner, Quicksmart Literacy, and Numeracy Instructors and Librarian.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy click here:- Click here to view

We take great care to keep the costs associated with school items and activities as low as possible; however, please be aware that some subjects incur a course fee, for example: Food Studies and Duke of Edinburgh Program. Please refer to the course handbooks on the school website. *Lilydale High School – Excellence in learning, resilience in life, thriving in community*

We ask that you read all this information carefully and contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Powson
Principal

Carla Haydon
School Council President

Parent Payments 2026	
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount

• Core subject consumables, materials and equipment, including:
  ○ Science - chemicals, experiment equipment
  ○ Drama and Music - instruments, costumes, scripts
  ○ Physical Education - sporting equipment
  ○ Arts - paint, canvas, coloured paper, crayons
  ○ Technology - tools, building materials, coding equipment, 3D printing
• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials
• Whole school programs: student leadership, sports days, lunchtime activities and clubs
• Digital technologies – provision of supplementary devices, software, and system support, including Compass, website, newsletter
• Student ID card
• Locker Hire and maintenance
  • Study Hub - Thursday afternoon homework club
	$300

Total Curriculum Contributions	**$300**

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
School Sports Victoria affiliation	$15
Student Wellbeing Programs - employs qualified health professionals to work collaboratively with the school community to provide a proactive and preventative approach to wellbeing and mental health.	$90
First aid resources - to meet student health and hygiene needs at school, on camps and excursions.	$40
School grounds and classroom maintenance - parents are invited to contribute in place of attendance and/or to support the costs associated with working bees.	$50
Total Other Contributions	**$195**

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations and upgrades of school infrastructure. In 2026, we intend to use these funds to upgrade seating, shelter and recess/lunchtime physical activity areas.	$50 **Suggested amount*
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	$50 **Suggested amount*

Booklist

Lilydale Books is the official supplier of subject textbooks and stationery. The school recommends you purchase through their website. https://www.lilydalebooks.com.au/

If purchasing second-hand items, please ensure they are the correct edition to align with the current curriculum.

Booklists are available through the Lilydale High School or Lilydale Books websites or here.

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

Lilydale High School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year and paid through Events on Compass. The following is a guide to extra-curricular activities available to Year 11 students in 2026. Cost to be advised.

If you would like to purchase an item or accept an offer to participate in a program for your child, please ensure payment is made to the school by the nominated due date.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Interschool Sport - per event **(CSEF funds can be used)** Events are advised throughout the year - payable 10 days before the event date.	$20
Optional Instrumental Music annual tuition fee	$100
School Yearbook (Salamander) - **Payable by the end of Term 3 2026**	$25
Optional Year 11 incursions and excursions to be scheduled with a fee **(CSEF funds can be used)**	TBA
Optional Year 12 Retreat **(CSEF funds can be used)** More information to be provided during Term 1 2026.	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	**$**

Financial Support for Families

Lilydale High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Anna Pelgrim - Business Manager

Ph: 03 9735 5644 or Email: lilydale.hs@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	$300
Other Contributions *(Non-tax deductible)*	$195
Building & Library Fund (Tax-deductible)	$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$
Total	**$**

Payment methods

- Compass
- Credit card - payments can be made securely via phone on 03 9735 5644 or in person at the Main Office
- Cash payments can be submitted in person at the Main Office

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

Parent Payments Policy - Overview

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