

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent

Wangaratta High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Wangaratta High School parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for Year 7 attached. All fees are uploaded to Compass and available for payment from 28th January 2021.

Wangaratta High School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Available for eligible families who hold a valid means-tested concession card. \$225 per child per year can be put towards any camps, sports or excursions that your child participates in.
- State School Relief Uniform Packages.

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

Barb Patterson (Finance Officer)

Phone: 03 5723 0500 | Email: wangaratta.hs@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Wangaratta High School provides many payment options;

- CompassPay where you can log into Compass using your parent login and pay electronically.
- Bpay using your reference number from your school financial statement.
- Centrelink Centrepay can be set up through Centrelink for fortnightly payments.
- Direct Deposit – using the following information;

Name: Wangaratta High School Council

BSB 033-260 Account # 943639

Please ensure you use your Family Reference Number on your school financial statement as reference.

Payments can be made in person at the school office from 28th January 2021.

Refunds

The school must ensure that the provision of services for students ie excursions/incursions, camps and overseas trips do not incur direct costs to the school, nor cause the school to run at a loss. Our refund guidelines ensure for a fair and equitable refund system.

Reasons a refund can occur:

- Cancellations - Should an event be cancelled; refunds to parents/guardians will, in the first instance, be credited to outstanding Essential Educational Items and Optional Extras.
- Students unable to attend - Should a parent/guardian seek a refund of an excursion cost paid to the school because of the inability of the student to attend (for example, because of illness) a refund will be made in accordance with the guidelines as set out below.

Refund Guidelines:

1. Where the school is charged for the provision of a program or service as a bulk cost (for example bus hire) no refund is able to be given.
2. Only under the circumstances where the school is charged for 'attendance on the day' on a 'per head' basis can refunds be given.
3. Where there is a combination of a bulk charge and a per head charge only the 'per head' component is able to be refunded provided the school can obtain a refund from the service provider.
4. All claims for reimbursements must be made in writing to the school's Administration Office or Email: wangaratta.hs@education.vic.gov.au within 7 days of the event.
5. When there are no outstanding charges on the parents/guardians account, in accordance with the procedures, a cheque or direct deposit will be made to the account holder. At no time will a refund be made by cash to the account holder or the student.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please visit;
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely,



Bradley Moyle
Executive Principal



Debi Fisher
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 7

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Wangaratta High School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Visual Arts & Digital Technology <i>Materials for student projects such as watercolour paint & paper, heavyweight paper, pastels and colour paints.</i>	\$35
Textiles and Food Studies <i>Materials for student projects such as fabrics, printing inks, thread, tailors chalk, elastic, wadding, visofix, fresh and dried foods and containers.</i>	\$50
Health and Swimming Program <i>To contribute to the associated facility hire expenses.</i>	\$35

North East School Supplies Booklist

Parents/Guardians are asked to complete an online booklist which guides you on the everyday items that your child will use in the classroom. The booklist can be found at;

<https://northeastschoolsupplies.com.au/Booklist>

Alternatively please contact North East School Supplies during business hours on 0407 221 861.

Optional Items

Wangaratta High School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
End of Year School Magazine <i>This magazine is a compilation of events that have occurred throughout the year at WHS filled with photos and students work. It is a fabulous keep sake to look back on in years to come.</i>	\$22
Instrumental Music Lessons <i>These lessons are available at the school from highly skilled teachers who are experienced professionals in the field of music. This is an extra-curriculum program and fees must be paid in advance to ensure your child's continued participation in the program.</i>	\$240 (\$60 per term)
Camps and Excursions <i>Camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i>	To be advised throughout the year

Voluntary Contributions

Wangaratta High School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
Parents' and Friends' fundraising <i>We understand that parents/guardians may not be able to volunteer their time around the school but may like make a small donation instead.</i>	No	\$5.00	\$
Student Wellbeing and Assistance <i>This contribution will be used to support our Wellbeing department to provide some of our families demonstrating financial hardship with essential items.</i>	No	\$15	\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.