

Dear Parent/Guardian

Flying Fruit Fly Circus School and Wodonga Middle Years College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Flying Fruit Fly Circus School and Wodonga Middle Years College's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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 and college can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and college and the programs we can offer.

Within our school and college this support has allowed us to offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences, faster WIFI and internet, enhanced digital opportunities and state of the art library services.

Flying Fruit Fly Circus School and Wodonga Middle Years College makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and at an affordable level for all parents. Please find attached the fee schedule.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,



Melanie McClure  
FFCS Coordinator



Maree Cribbes  
WMYC Campus Principal



Paul Thorpe  
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that your students use, or participate in, to access Curriculum (costs are per student per year)	Year Level	Annual Amount
<b>Desire to Learn (D2L) Subscription</b> – <i>On-line learning system</i>	All	\$30.00
<b>Essential Assessment Subscription</b> – <i>On-line assessment for English and Mathematics</i>	All	\$12.00
<b>Language - Education Perfect licence</b> – <i>On-line learning system for students undergoing Language Studies</i>	All	\$30.00
<b>Art</b> – <i>Wooden model, paint, clay, hot glue, ink, water colours, canvas</i>	All	\$40.00

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Year Level	Amount
Student Information Management System (SIMS) Subscription – All year levels <i>On-line access to student records, attendance, payments and excursions</i>	All	\$5.00
General Voluntary Contribution	All	\$50.00
Grounds Beautification Works	All	\$50.00
Student Equipment and Furniture	All	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$</b>

### Educational items for students to own

Please find the link below for the Educational Items list that the school and college recommend you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

[2023 FFFCS Educational Items List 3 – 5](#)

[2023 FFFCS Educational Items List 6 – 9](#)

### Extra-curricular Items

Flying Fruit Fly Circus School and Wodonga Middle Years College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school and college provide in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the College.

Extra-Curricular Items	Amount
Whole School Camp 2023 – 8, 9 and 10 Feb 2023 to be held at Barwon River Holiday Park, Geelong (Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9) optional	\$325.00
Music Lessons – per Term (optional)	\$70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	

### **Financial Support for Families**

Flying Fruit Fly Circus School and Wodonga Middle Years College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- payment plans can be arranged via Centrepay for eligible Parents/Guardians or BPay.

For a confidential discussion about the above, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Megan Slade

Ph: 02 6057 9000

Email: [megade@wmyc.vic.edu.au](mailto:megade@wmyc.vic.edu.au)

### **Payment Methods**

Flying Fruit Fly Circus School and Wodonga Middle Years College offers several payment options via the School Portal, by phone or in person at the front office, these options include Cash, EFTPOS, Credit Card (Visa and Mastercard), BPay and Centrepay.

### **Refunds**

Parent request for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and college and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the college 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 another 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.