



SALTWATER
P-9 COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Saltwater P-9 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Saltwater College's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Please find the contributions schedules for Prep – Year 7 attached. Please note that Book Packs need be ordered online <http://booklist.paperchase.com.au> by no later than Monday 13 December 2021 to ensure delivery before the start of the year.

Saltwater P-9 College makes every effort to keep contributions for items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Saltwater P-9 College understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) is available for eligible families. Application forms will be sent out at the start of 2022 for new families or newly eligible families. Parents who currently receive the CSEF and who remain eligible will automatically have their 2021 application processed by the schools Administration office.

PAYMENT METHODS

We offer a variety of payment methods to assist our families:

- Eftpos is available at the office
- BPay – individual reference number is on your Family Statement
- Cash / Cheque

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Rosie Blake, Acting Business Manager on 03 8366 7700 or via email saltwater.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au.

REFUNDS

Saltwater P-9 College believes that the Camps, Excursion and Incursion program is highly beneficial for students and provides opportunities for particular learning experiences that cannot be gained in the classroom. Saltwater College encourages all students to participate in these activities. There will be occasions when a student needs to withdraw from an activity after they have made payment.



Should a student leave Saltwater P-9 College at any stage during the year, Curriculum Contributions that have been paid in full will be calculated pro rata per term (e.g. individual yearly fee of \$200 will be divided by four terms) and a refund will be given to the family.

Please refer to the Refund Policy on the school's website www.saltwatercollege.vic.edu.au to view the guidelines on receiving a refund, alternatively, you can phone the administration office on 03 8366 7700 for further clarification.

PART A: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

These contribution requests include the cost of student yearly subscriptions to access Mathletics (Numeracy Platform P-6), Reading Eggs (Literacy Platform P-2) & Literacy Planet (Literacy Platform 3-6) and other subscriptions for Electronic Device Security/Contents Screening and Management as well as Art, Science Food Technology and Woodwork consumables.

There are also contribution requests in order for the school to continue to run effective, enriching and engaging programs for our students, we rely on parent contributions to support our programs including our Robotics, Physical Education (Equipment) and Performing Arts Material (Music and Drama equipment).

PREP – YEAR TWO:

PART A: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
Mathletics – Online Numeracy Subscription	\$15.00
Reading Eggs - Online Literacy Subscription	\$10.00
Electronic Device Security/Contents Screening & Management	\$70.00
Spanish Consumables (Rockalingua online subscription)	\$30.00
Food Technology Consumables (ingredients such as flour, eggs, sugar etc.)	\$60.00
Science (experiment consumables)	\$60.00
Art Consumables (coloured paper, paints, glitter, craft materials)	\$60.00
Robotics (Equipment)	\$30.00
Physical Education (Equipment)	\$30.00
Performing Arts Material (Music, Drama equipment)	\$30.00
Swimming	TBA
PART A TOTAL	\$395.00



YEAR THREE – YEAR SIX:

PART A: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
Mathletics – Online Numeracy Subscription	\$15.00
Literacy Planet - Online Literacy Subscription	\$15.00
Electronic Device Security/Contents Screening & Management	\$70.00
Spanish Consumables (Rockalingua online subscription)	\$30.00
Food Technology Consumables (ingredients such as flour, eggs, sugar etc.)	\$60.00
Science (experiment consumables)	\$60.00
Art Consumables (coloured paper, paints, glitter, craft materials)	\$60.00
Robotics (Equipment)	\$30.00
Physical Education (Equipment)	\$30.00
Performing Arts Material (Music, Drama equipment)	\$30.00
PART A TOTAL	\$400.00

YEAR SEVEN:

PART A: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
Mathletics – Online Numeracy Subscription	\$15.00
Electronic Device Security/Contents Screening & Management	\$70.00
Spanish Consumables (Rockalingua online subscription)	\$30.00
Food Technology Consumables (ingredients such as flour, eggs, sugar etc.)	\$100.00
Science (experiment consumables)	\$10.00
Art Consumables (coloured paper, paints, glitter, craft materials)	\$60.00
Woodwork (consumables)	\$100.00
Robotics(Equipment)	\$30.00
Physical Education (Equipment)	\$30.00
Performing Arts Material (Music, Drama equipment)	\$30.00
PART A TOTAL	\$565.00

PART B: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES

Saltwater P-9 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 provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. These costs are separate to the Curriculum Contributions and include excursions and incursions, camps, athletics, sports gala etc.



PART B: EXTRA CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES	
Excursions & Incursions	TBA
Camps	TBA
Sporting Events (eg Athletics, Interschool Sports)	TBA
School Photographs	TBA
PART B TOTAL	TBA

PART C: OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Saltwater P-9 College continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. The voluntary Facilities component of the parent payments is directed to the maintenance and upkeep of the school grounds. Parents are invited to select their contribution as shown on the order form (one contribution per family, not per student).

PART C: OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	
Contributing to the development and maintenance of the School's Grounds	
PART C TOTAL (please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN

Please refer to a list of text books that can be ordered through Champion or your preferred supplier with the School's 2022 Parent Contributions documentation.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES (OPTIONAL)

Saltwater P-9 College operates as a one to one device school where Apple iPads are used in Prep to Year 3 and Apple MacBook Airs are used in Years 4 to Year 7. The use of these devices are an integral part of the schools curriculum as they are utilised as a tool to enhance learning for students. Devices can be purchased through Beyond the Box or families are able to bring in their own Apple device to be loaded with the school's application image.

Documentation is available upon request.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not a compulsory item, the school does have classroom set devices which can be allocated to students who do not have their own device. These devices will be shared in the classroom and must remain on the school site.



PAYMENT OPTIONS

School Council is suggesting the following payment options for 2022:

- Payment to be made upon stationery pack collection times, as per below:

Stationery Collection and Parent Contribution Payment Days and Times	
Pick Up Location: Saltwater P-9 College – School Gym	
Tuesday, 18 th January 2022	10.00am – 3.00pm
Wednesday, 19 th January 2022	10.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday, 20 th January 2022	2.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 21 st January 2022	2.00pm – 7.00pm

- Mutually agreed instalment payment arrangements either via BPay, or payments at the office.

If you have any questions about the 2022 Parent Contribution Payments, please contact Rosie Blake, Acting Business Manager on 03 8366 7700 or via email saltwater.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Department of Education's Parent Payments Policy please see attached a one page overview, alternatively you can view the full policy via <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Kind regards

Jackie Daniali
Principal
Saltwater P-9 College

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School Council President
Saltwater P-9 College



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.