



SALTWATER
P-9 COLLEGE

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10 November 2023

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 2024.

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 9 attached. Please note that Book Packs need be ordered online <http://booklist.paperchase.com.au> by no later than Friday, 8 December 2023 to ensure delivery directly to families before the start of the year. (Instructions and access code are included in this pack).

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. Upon request application forms will be sent out at the start of 2024 for new families or newly eligible families. Parents who currently receive the CSEF and who remain eligible will automatically have their application renewed. However, should there be additional students starting (e.g. Prep student) a new application form will be required.

PAYMENT METHODS

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

- Xuno Payments (via the Xuno App)
- 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, Office 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.



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: ONLINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

These contribution requests include the cost of student yearly subscriptions to access, Reading Eggs (Literacy Platform P-2), EPIC (Year P-9), Rockalinga and Education Perfect and other subscriptions for Electronic Device Security/Contents Screening and Management .

PART B: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

These contribution requests includes Art and Science 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 Science (experiment consumables) and Art Consumables (coloured paper, paints, glitter, craft materials).

PREP – YEAR TWO:

PART A: ONLINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	
Reading Eggs & Rockalinga - Online Literacy & Language Subscriptions	\$20.00
EPIC – Online Subscription	\$10.00
Electronic Device Security/Contents Screening & Management	\$130.00
PART B: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
Science (experiment consumables)	\$120.00
Art Consumables (coloured paper, paints, glitter, craft materials)	\$120.00
PART A & B TOTAL	\$400.00



YEAR THREE – YEAR SIX:

PART A: ONLINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	
EPIC Subscription & Language Subscription	\$20.00
Electronic Device Security/Contents Screening & Management	\$130.00
PART B: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
Science (experiment consumables)	\$120.00
Art Consumables (coloured paper, paints, glitter, craft materials)	\$120.00
PART A & B TOTAL	\$390.00

YEAR SEVEN – YEAR NINE

PART A: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
EPIC Online Subscription & Language Subscription (Education Perfect)	\$35.00
Electronic Device Security/Contents Screening & Management	\$130.00
PART B: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
Science (experiment consumables)	\$120.00
PART A & B TOTAL	\$285.00

PART C: 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 C: EXTRA CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES	
Excursions & Incursions	TBA IN 2024
Camps	TBA IN 2024
Swimming	TBA IN 2024
Sporting Events (eg Athletics, Interschool Sports)	TBA IN 2024
School Photographs	TBA IN 2024
PART C TOTAL	TBA IN 2024

PART D: 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.



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Parents are invited to select their contribution as shown on the order form (one contribution per family, not per student).

PART D: OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	
Contributing to the development and maintenance of the School's Grounds	
PART C TOTAL (please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN

Please refer to a list of text books for secondary students that can be ordered through Champion or your preferred supplier with the School's 2024 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 9. 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 JB Hi-fi or families are able to bring in their own Apple device to be loaded with the school's application image.

All orders are to be placed online at: jbeducation.com.au/byod

Login code: SWC2024

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 2024:

- Payments can be made via the Xuno app from Wednesday 25th January 2024;
- Payments can be made on Wednesday 24th January 2024 or Thursday 25th January 2024 via the office;
- Mutually agreed instalment payment arrangements either via BPay, or payments at the office.

If you have any questions about the 2024 Parent Contribution Payments, please contact Jess Cortese, Business Manager on 03 8366 7700 or via email saltwater.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au



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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 2024.

Kind regards

Jackie Daniali
Principal
Saltwater P-9 College

Amanda Martins
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.