



## 2024 Year 8 Curriculum & Other Contributions

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Diamond Valley College is looking forward to welcoming you and your child/ren back to our school community in 2024 and look forward to another great year of teaching and learning. We would like to advise you of Diamond Valley College's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 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 on committees or School Council. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a range of opportunities for our students including a wider selection of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; extend the upgrade of our grounds and outdoor areas; implement an intensive wellbeing program, and provide access to faster WIFI and internet.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/PAL/parent-payments-one-page-overview.docx>

Yours sincerely,

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Reg Byrne  
(Acting) Principal

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Carol Jenkinson  
School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.	<b>Amount</b>
Year 8 Planner Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Arts</li> <li>• Technology – food technology</li> <li>• Technology – wood and metals</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Science – chemicals &amp; other experiment materials (lab coats to be purchased separately – details provided to students before end of year)</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Health and Physical Education – equipment, maintenance of equipment (<b>Note: Sports Academy student do not pay this (\$20)</b>)</li> <li>• Locker hire</li> <li>• Publications &amp; library resources</li> <li>• Year 8 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</li> </ul>	
Year 8 Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stile - Provided free by Department of Education</li> <li>• Education Perfect (Italian)</li> </ul>	Please see booklist
<b>Total Amount Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$395.00</b>
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
School Sports Victoria membership	
Student wellbeing programs	
First aid equipment	
School grounds maintenance and improvements	
Student and parent communication tools	
<b>Total Amount Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$95</b>

### **Educational items for students to own**

The booklist is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from **Lilydale Book** for your child to individually own and use. Please see our website or use link provided in this email communication.

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Diamond Valley 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by 28 January 2024.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Interschool Sports program – see Compass for scheduled sports	TBA	
Optional private music lessons	\$480 per year	
Instrument Hire – <b>varying prices, please ask for list if required</b>		
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled - see Compass for scheduled camps/excursions	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

**Total for (Student Name) :** \_\_\_\_\_

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
<b>Total for all Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Financial Support for Families

Diamond Valley College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- supplies and services provided by State Schools Relief
- various scholarships provided by local support services (these can change each year).

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

Karen Baker

Ph: 03 9438 1411 | Email: [karen.baker3@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:karen.baker3@education.vic.gov.au)

## Payment methods

- Compass (where applicable) – available once you have been provided with your Compass login
- **Direct Deposit – BSB: 063 594 Account No: 1010 4663** (if using this payment method please enter your family name and as much detail as possible in the description field, and send a copy of the schedule with payments marked to the General Office [diamond.valley.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:diamond.valley.co@education.vic.gov.au) ).
- Cash or Credit Card – please visit or phone the General office to pay with cash or credit card

## Refunds

### When can we refund?

In instances where

- the event, subject, goods, etc, does not go ahead or are not supplied
- the student leaves the school prior to taking possession of goods/events that have been paid for
- the student is unable to attend an event due to illness/medical and has provided a medical certificate
- a supplier agrees to the refund on behalf of the school
- if the school decides the student may not attend or participate in an event due to behaviour or other issues, then a partial or full refund may be possible, dependant on the date the decision is made and/or any other financial considerations

### When can't we refund?

In instances where

- the service/goods/event has been booked and paid for by the school based on the agreement that the student will attend or purchase
- the goods have been used and are no longer in a state for refund or are not faulty.

The DVC Parent Payment Policy can be viewed at <https://www.dvallcoll.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/DVC-Parent-Payment-Policy.pdf>

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Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis.