

22nd November, 2022

Dear parent/guardian,

Kurnai College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Kurnai College's voluntary financial contribution arrangements for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and all contributions made by parents towards their child's education are voluntary. At Kurnai College, we do not request Curriculum or Other Contributions from parents.

We do however request that some educational items are purchased by families for students to use and own.

Other extra-curricular items and activities may be offered to students on a user-pays basis throughout the year.

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

Yours sincerely,



Anthony Rodaughan
College Principal



Stephen Van Rooy
School Council President

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Building Fund – voluntary contribution</i>	\$

Kurnai College welcomes donations to our Building Fund which is used to support future building works at the College. Voluntary contributions can be made at any Campus office.

Educational items for students to own

Kurnai College has a Bring Your Own Device strategy and recommends you purchase a device with the specifications outlined in the attached information from Learning with Technologies or your own preferred supplier for your child to individually own and use.

Each year students are issued with a booklist with items recommended for purchase for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Kurnai 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	
Optional instrumental music lessons	\$100	
Optional instrument hire	\$100	
Optional camps, excursions or incursions to be scheduled	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Kurnai 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 for extra curricular items and activities

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

Katrina Palmer (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 5165 0600 | Email: Katrina.palmer@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Cash, cheque, Credit Card, EFTPOS, BPAY, Centrepay

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school 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 any 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

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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.

Bring Your Own Device Strategy

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is one strategy towards flexible learning environments that we recognise maximises learning potential. We want to give Kurnai College students the chance to use their portable technology at school as a learning tool. The device needs to be treated as the main form of resource material for our students.

MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Operating System:	Windows 10 or greater (Not Windows 10 S or Windows 10X)
Wireless:	Devices supporting wireless 802.11 ac or greater
Battery:	At least 8 hours
Screen Size:	A screen size of at least 10 inches (13+ inches recommended if in Art/Media electives)
Storage:	At least 120 GB Solid-State (SSD) (240GB+ recommended if in Art/Media electives)

Please Note: Our operating environment is based around the x86-64 **Windows 10 & Windows 11 platforms**, applications, support, and instructions will be limited for other platforms such as Chromebooks, Android, MacOS.

Further Information, other BYOD portals and purchasing links can be found by visiting:

<https://ict.kurnai.co/byod>

Kurnai College recommends for our students to use the BYOD link on our Kurnai College website to assist in the decision-making around device purchasing. Below is one example of an available option through one of the links. Please use the details of the below device to guide your purchase specifications. Further information on these packages is available from the website above.

Note: You are not obligated to purchase this specific device or purchase from the BYOD links on our website. This price is only current as of 20/06/2022 from the **Learning with technologies** portal <https://kurnai.orderportal.com.au>



\$1,031 including GST

Comes with Lenovo 3 Year Accidental Damage Protection \$100 excess - 3 Claims Over 3 Years (Please read PDS all insurance has limits)

Theft Protection option available for an extra \$49

Lenovo 500w Gen 3

11.6" / 8GB / 256GB /

W10Pro / 3 Year Onsite Warranty + 3 Year Battery

- 11.6-inch Touch Screen
(1366 x 768) LED
- Intel Pentium Silver N6000 – 4 cores, Up to 3.3Ghz
- 8GB DDR4 RAM
- 256GB SSD
- Garaged Active Pen
- Wireless AX Wireless 6
- Up to 10 Hours battery life

- Windows 10 Pro National Academic

Software:

The department of education provides students with Adobe Creative Cloud & Microsoft Office 365 software, this includes Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat Reader, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Outlook and many others.

Claiming damage protection:

If your device was purchased from one of our portals & in the unfortunate event where your device gets damaged, please make sure you have details such as where your device was purchased from so we can better assist you, a form will be provided requesting information about how the damage occurred, this then gets forwarded to the manufacturer for assessment & they will provide us with a denial or approval to proceed with the repair. If the device was purchased from our LWT portal site, the LWT insurance, repairs and warranty portal can be found here if you prefer to do this yourself:

<https://www.lwt.com.au/support/warranty>