Copperfield College Parent Payment Policy

PURPOSE
To ensure that parent payment practices are consistent, transparent and ensure that all students have access to the standard curriculum.

RATIONALE
The Victorian community shares a vision to build an education system that champions excellence and ensures that every child and young person has access to the opportunities to succeed in life, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Schools are best placed to make local decisions which ensure that all students can access a broad range of learning opportunities that support their expectations and promote their aspirations as they move through the education system. Parent contribution, in all forms, assists schools to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is highly valued by school communities.

Refer to the attached listing for a full description of all charges for years 7 – 12 at Copperfield College for 2017, which are all categorised under the “Essential Student Learning Items”.

This policy and attachments are available on the college website, www.copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au

IMPLEMENTATION
The college accepts payments made via Cash, cheque and Credit Cards. Instalments are also an option, as well as Centrepay.

Family support options
Consideration to hardship arrangements in respect to payment requests is provided to families experiencing long term hardship or short term crisis on a confidential, case by case basis. Any families experiencing financial difficulties should contact their Campus Principal or the Business Manager to discuss their individual circumstances and available options.

- The [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)](CSEF) provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply and a Special Consideration eligibility category also exists.

- [State Schools’ Relief](State Schools’ Relief) may cover the cost of new school uniforms, shoes, books and more for disadvantaged students. State Schools’ Relief only responds to requests from school principals, campus principals or welfare coordinators. Parents or Carers who are struggling need to make an appointment with the Campus Principals to discuss their situation.

Copperfield College has developed strong links with local services and welfare groups which can also provide specialist support and assistance to students and families in financial crisis. Our qualified Welfare staff can assist you with these referrals.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW
Copperfield College Council will monitor the effectiveness and impact of the implementation of this policy annually as part of our ongoing improvement and will report back to the community via our website, newsletters and Compass.

Further information on Parent Payments policies is available for families on the Department website, [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)

This policy is to be reviewed annually.

References:
DET Parent Payments Policy 2016

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