



Dear Parent

*Charlton College* is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Charlton College's* parent payment arrangements for **2021**.

Please find the fee schedule for *all year levels* attached. Please complete this form and return to the school by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020** so the school can prepare accordingly.

*Charlton College* makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

#### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)\*;
- fortnightly or monthly payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Principal, **Kelvin Baird** - Phone 03 54911280 | Email: *Charlton.p12@education.vic.gov.au*

\*CSEF is available for eligible families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster-parents card. Parents who currently receive the CSEF and who remain eligible will automatically have their **2021** application processed by the school. Contact the College for new applications.

#### **Payment Methods**

We offer a variety of payment options to assist our families.

- Eftpos (available at the Office);
- BPay – your individual reference number is shown on your Family Statement;
- Direct Deposit – bank account details are found on your Family Statement;
- Cash / Cheque

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

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kelvin Baird in black ink.

Kelvin Baird  
PRINCIPAL

Handwritten signature of Shane Fitzpatrick in black ink.

Shane Fitzpatrick  
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

#### Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

#### Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

#### Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not



### 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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.

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**CHARLTON COLLEGE**  
**2021 FEE SCHEDULE - PRIMARY**  
ABN: 33 902 981 169



(Circle your requirements)

OFFICE USE ONLY

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<b>Essential Education Items:</b>		
<b><u>For All Students:</u></b> Includes eLearning resources including subscription to Mathletics and Spellodrome-\$25.00, Reading Eggs-\$15.00; College hire of stadium for student use-\$10.00; Sports travel - Calder sports and winter sports-\$20.00, School Performances from visiting performing artists (once a term approximately)-\$10.00; Years F-6 Special Activities focus (i.e. Easter and Christmas) foam and decorations to make take home items-\$10.00; for Years 3-6 consumable food for SAKG program-\$10.00; and for specific year levels (below):	<b>\$90.00</b>	
<b>2021 Charlton College Student Diary</b> (Compulsory Yrs 3-6 for parent communication and student homework reminders)	<b>\$6.10</b>	
<b>Reader Bag - Compulsory for Years Prep – 3:</b> (for storing/transporting reading books)	<b>\$8.95</b>	
<b><u>Other:</u></b>		
<b>Netbook Annual hire fee – Years 4, 5 and 6</b> (Students from years 4-12, hire of \$115 per year (75% of \$500 purchase cost))	<b>\$115.00</b>	
<b><u>Optional Extras:</u></b>		
<b>Instrumental Music</b> (Hire of instrument only) (Only students from Years 4 to 12 are eligible to choose Music as an Optional subject.)	<b>\$60.00</b>	
<b>2021 School Magazine</b> (Distributed with end of year reports at Awards Night.)	<b>\$23.00</b>	
<b>Charlton College Badge</b> (Not compulsory but available for student purchase-please contact the Office if your child wants to purchase a badge)	<b>\$3.50</b>	
<b>Charlton College Hat</b> (Prep and New students to the College receive a hat at no charge on initial enrolment.)	<b>\$16.00</b>	
<b><u>Voluntary Financial Contribution:</u></b>		
<b>Voluntary Levy:</b> contribution to additional equipment, materials and services for the College – \$20.00 suggested but can be of any denomination e.g. \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 etc	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Building Fund – Tax Deductible</b> Building Fund donations are tax deductible and help the school improve facilities and learning environments for the benefit of students. The focus for 2021 is to raise funds for Chartsec (pre-driver education) building developments.	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Parents' Club Affiliation for 2021</b> (Membership per Family)	<b>\$3.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$</b>