



EMERALD SECONDARY COLLEGE  
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Dear 2021 Year 7 Parent/Guardian,

Emerald Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Attached is the fee schedule for Year 7. Please complete this form and return to the school by **19<sup>th</sup> February 2021** so the school can prepare accordingly.

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

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Parents who have a current Health Care/Pension card as at the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 or 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 will qualify for CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Funding) totalling \$225 per year which can be used for camps, sports and excursions for all students from Years 7 – 12. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student account.

- State Schools' Relief (SSR) is continuing to support students who are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) by providing a subsidised Uniform Pack to students starting Year 7 in 2021.

Once the application is approved, students will have a choice of the following:

- 1 x Summer Dress OR Trousers/Pants OR Shorts
- 1 x Shirt
- 1 x Black Leather Shoes (Lace ups, T-bar or Skate)
- **Please note:** PE items are **not** included as part of this package.
- **For more information please contact the General Office.**

The College appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting requests for payments. A range of support options are available to assist parents.

This may include:

- BPay and Centrepay (Centrelink) transfers can be arranged
- Payment plans can be arranged by contacting the finance office

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

The General Office on

Ph: 03 5968 5388 | Email: emerald.sc@education.vic.gov.au

### Payment Methods

- Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, Direct Credit, Centrepay (Centrelink) or BPay.
- Please make cheques payable to Emerald Secondary College.
- The College can also accommodate parents who would prefer payment by instalments.
- Payments can also be made directly into the school's bank account:

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 063 842

Account: 10289733

(Use Student Code or student's surname as a reference)

- State Schools' Relief and local community support agencies also can assist families in times of hardship
- **Payments can be paid on Parent Information Evening – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 or Orientation day - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

### Refunds

Please refer to the school's Refund Policy which is located on the school website.

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

Yours sincerely,



Eleni Stathatos  
College Principal



Heike Reich  
School Council President

## FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 7

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Emerald Secondary College also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

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### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Woodwork – Wood, glue, nails, string, paint	\$ 50.00
Textiles – Fabric, cotton, needles, pins, zippers	\$ 20.00
Art – Paint, paper, clay, glazing colours	\$ 20.00
Identity Card	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

### Optional Items

Emerald Secondary College offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
2021 Phillip Island Camp – 15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	\$300.00
School Magazine	\$ 20.00
Instrumental Music Lessons	\$400.00
Instrument Hire	\$ 50.00
Combination Lock	\$ 20.00
Calculator	\$ 27.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Voluntary Contributions

Emerald Secondary College continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible ?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family			Amount
General School Levy – The school relies on these funds to support extra school programs, library and faculty resources.	No	\$150	\$200	\$250	
Building Fund - Upgrades to buildings and facilities development including air-conditioning which is not funded by the Department of Education.  School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund.	Yes	\$100	\$120	\$150	
Wellbeing Program – To help supplement the Wellbeing Program and activities throughout the year.	No	\$50	\$70	\$100	
Working Bee Fund - Working bees are usually held twice a year with parent support. The college understands at times, parents are unable to attend. The requested donation will go towards the enhancement of the school grounds.	No	\$30	\$50	\$60	
IT Levy – Additional support for maintaining and repairing of laptops onsite.	No	\$30	\$50	\$60	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$</b>

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

### Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Items

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary financial contribution

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_