HARVESTER
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Harvester Technical College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Harvester Technical College's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the standard curriculum requirements 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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide students with a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the upgrade of our Trade Training Centre and grounds.

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

Yours sincerely,

Trudy Whiteside
Campus Principal

Anthony Malloy
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Amount**
Student ID Card	$10.00
Program classroom consumables, materials & equipment • *Literacy – including but not limited to pens, pencils, lined paper ($5.00)* • *Numeracy – including but not limited to pens, pencils, lined paper, graph paper, 3D printer filament, balsa wood ($30.00)* • *Personal Development – included but not limited to pens, pencils, paper ($5.00)* • *Work-Related Skills – including but not limited to pens, pencils, paper ($5.00)*	$45.00
Printed work in lieu of textbooks (including subjects of Literacy, Numeracy, Technology, Personal Development and Work-Related Skills)	$125.00
Assessments • *Core Skills of Proficiency for Adults ($35.00)*	$35.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
Student Compass access	$65.00
School yearbook	$10.00
Grounds and Garden (beautification of grounds)	$50.00
Use and Upkeep of Specialised Facilities including the Trade Training Centre, Tech 10 Workshop & gym equipment	$180.00

Educational items for students to own.

An itemised stationery list and information pertaining to the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program to be provided.

Educational items for students to own – CARPENTRY STUDENTS ONLY

The school highly recommends you purchase a Carpentry Tool Kit from *All Tools Thomastown,* who offer HTC students a discounted rate, for your child to individually own and use in class and during Structured Workplace Learning blocks. Tool kits can be ordered via an online link. Please refer to your Stationery List for details.

Families may choose to purchase individual items from their preferred supplier or use school supplied tools.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Harvester Technical 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 for 2026 will be communicated to families as they are scheduled throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled throughout the year	TBA	

Financial Support for Families

Harvester Technical College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including the:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

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

Emily Barroso

Ph: 03 8311 5555 | Email: admin@harvestercollege.vic.edu.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	$215.00
Other Contributions	$305.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Payment methods

Harvester Technical College's payment methods include:

- Cash Payments
- Eftpos payments
- Credit Card Payments
- BPAY payments

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.