VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

Parent payment arrangements 2026

The Victorian School of Languages is about to open enrolments and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2026. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nonetheless, your contribution towards materials and activities helps maintain quality language instruction. Thank you for your ongoing support. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Subject consumables, classroom materials and activities (F-10)	$*90*
Subject consumables, classroom materials and activities (11-12)	$110
Total Curriculum Contributions (F-10)	***$90***
Total Curriculum Contributions (11-12)	***$110***

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
Total Other Contributions	***$0***

Educational items for students to own

Your child's teacher may provide you with a booklist which they recommend you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

At some centres, the VSL offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum. Your child's centre will provide this advice if required.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**Amount**
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	***$0***

Financial Support for Families

The VSL understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including payment plans.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Area Manager in your area.

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions (F-10)	$90
Curriculum Contributions (11-12)	$110
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$ 0
Total (F-10)	**$90**
Total (11-12)	**$110**

Payment methods

Payments can be made through Compass during the enrolment process

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 Payments 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.