Kerang Technical High School
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Kerang Technical High School (KTHS) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum 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, your support in 2025 allowed us to:

- Purchase a Projector for the Hall
- Install new Heating in the Technical Wing
- Install new shade sails
- Purchase new cabinetry for the Hospitality Wing
- Purchase 60 additional IT devices
- Upgrade electrical upgrade submain
- Complete some pathway and egress concreting

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of recommended contributions for your child/ren.

Please find below Kerang Technical High School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2026. Please note families are not committed or obliged to make this payment, however it will assist KTHS in planning for the coming year.

Further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached. If you require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Melinda Jordan (KTHS Business Manager) on 03 5452 1062.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Rogers
Principal

Tracy Roberts
School Council President

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

Curriculum Contributions
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum, including:

- Computer applications where our students have their own individual password – At Kerang Technical High School we use XUNO, Maths Pathways and Edrolo
- Everyday items that your child will use in the classroom to learn the essential curriculum such as art supplies, science experiment equipment, cooking ingredients, technology materials

Other Contributions
Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Kerang Technical High School.

Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) Items and Activities
Kerang Technical High School 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. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

Vocational Educational Training (VET)
From 2022, the Department will reimburse VET material fees to government schools to address the cost barrier for families. This funding covers the costs of:

- Materials required for training and assessment that are consumed and cannot be recycled. **Please note students may wish to upgrade materials for certain projects (i.e. upgrade from pine to mahogany). Any upgrade from the materials provided by KTHS is considered an OPTIONAL ITEM, as per the description above.**
- Safety items worn or used by the student including safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, hair nets.
- Workbooks, handouts, photocopying, online learning resources
- Class sets, intended to be returned and retained by the school, such as textbooks, tools, tool belts, specialist knives, aprons

However, this funding does not cover all costs associated with the facilitation of VET classes. The payment of the following costs are supported by Voluntary Financial Contributions from families, as detailed in the 2026 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE attached:

- Transport costs and hire of specialised facilities required for training or assessment
- PPE worn and retained by the student
- Online registration/subscription fees, platform charges, software
- Tuition fees, registration, and administration fees
- Tools upgrade or purchase initiated by the parent

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Educational items for students to own
A booklist outlining items the school recommends for each student will be sent home with students prior to the end of Term 4. A letter confirming individual 2026 course selections will also be sent home with each student, providing clarification on which subjects your student will require booklist items. KTHS is happy to partner with Campion to supply booklist items for your child to individually own and use, however families are welcome to source items from other companies as they choose.

Financial Support for Families
Kerang Technical High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- *State Schools' Relief* provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate
- *Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund* provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Sharon Champion, Wellbeing Coordinator on 03 5452 1062, or email kerang.tech.hs@education.vic.gov.au.

Payment methods
Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Kerang Technical High School. Payment can be made by:

- XUNO Payments – Payments will be added to family accounts towards the end of 2025. Families will be notified via XUNO messages. XUNO payments can only be made via Credit Card
- BPAY Payments - Please contact KTHS for your family BPAY number, which is located on all previous KTHS accounts/statements
- Cash or Cheque Payments - can be made directly at KTHS Office.

All payments will be allocated to outstanding Extra-curricular (OPTIONAL) items and activities in the first instance. If there are no outstanding Extra-curricular (OPTIONAL) items and activities charges on your family account, payments will be allocated towards family Voluntary Curriculum Contributions, as per the schedule above. If you wish for payments to be allocated differently to this process, please contact the school office on (03) 5452 1062 PRIOR to making your contribution payment.

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.

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PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY 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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VM.
- 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.

2026 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

ITEM	Recommended contribution per student

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS
• Classroom consumables, materials & equipment
• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials
• Whole school events (athletics and swimming carnivals)
• ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets
• Online subscriptions
  ○ XUNO
  ○ Maths Pathways (years 7-10)
  ○ Edrolo (Years 11-12)
• VET costs, not reimbursed by DET (please see VET description on page 2)
	$270

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS • Student wellbeing programs • First aid equipment • School grounds maintenance and improvements • Canteen	**$50**

ITEM	Recommended contribution per student	Number of students in your family	Recommended contribution per family
Curriculum Contributions	**$270**		$
Other Contributions	**$50**		$
TOTAL RECCOMMDED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION			**$**