

Dimboola Memorial Secondary College

VETiS Materials PAYMENT POLICY



Rationale:

The Education & Training Reform Act 2006 empowers school councils to charge parents for goods and services used by their child in their chosen VETiS (Vocational Education Training in Schools) course. The VETiS materials fees are set by the relevant Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) and are compulsory for the VETiS course. The delivery costs of the VETiS course is partially covered by the core Student Resource Package (SRP) funding allocation.

Aims:

To ensure that the optional extra VETiS material fee is paid by parents of the user (student) by the due date.

Implementation:

School Council supplements Department of Education and Training funds by requesting payments from parents for **Optional Extras** which are offered on a user pays basis and parents can choose whether or not their child participates eg: VETiS Material costs

In addition, School Council invites parents to make donations by means of: -

Voluntary Financial Contributions that are non-compulsory donations for specific projects eg: library resources, grounds projects, or technologies equipment.

- Parents will be made aware of the costs associated with their child's chosen VETiS course by December of the previous year, along with a due date (last day of withdrawal from VETiS course)
- The payments schedule will include itemised details relating to all payments, options to make payments by instalments, an alignment between payment dates and advice to parents to contact the principal if they require support or additional information.
- Non-payment will result in withdrawal from the VETiS course unless contact has been made to the Principal by the specified due date
- As with all parent payments to the school, Council will provide opportunities for all parents experiencing financial difficulties to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the principal.
- The principal will ensure that all staff are aware of this policy and adhere to it.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle. School Council will review the level and purpose of parent payments and voluntary contributions annually and in doing so will be consistent with any advice or instruction received from the Department of Education and Training.

This policy was last updated in March 2020 and is due for review by School Council in 2021