

BACK TO SCHOOL 2024

Ararat College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ararat College's back to school arrangements for 2024.



2024 School Dates	
Monday 29 th January 2024	School office will be closed—phone enquiries only.
Tuesday 30 th January 2024	School office open for payment of voluntary contributions, CSEF applications, and general enquiries regarding start of school.
Wednesday 31 st January 2024	Year 7 and Year 12 students commence school.
Thursday 1 st February 2024	All students attend school from this day.

Parent Payments

Ararat College would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview on page 3.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Classroom consumables, materials & equipmentPrinting and photocopying of worksheets and learning materialsWhole school events (athletics and swimming carnivals)ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom setsOnline subscriptions<ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Xuno◇ Maths Space◇ Wordflyers	\$293
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Student wellbeing programsFirst aid equipmentSchool grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50
Total Amount	\$

Text Books

Ararat College has endeavoured to create an all inclusive approach to resources and equipment. For this reason, as a general rule, students are not required to source or buy their text books and they are loaned to students as required.

Educational items for students to own

• Stationery and Optional Items

All students will need to supply their own stationery and may require other optional items listed. These can be purchased through Office National Ararat via an online ordering portal that has been set up. Details on ordering are on page 4 and 5.

• Laptops

All students require access to a laptop and students have the option to borrow a device from the library, purchase a new one or bring their own.

Laptops can be purchased from 'Learning With Technologies' (LWT) through an online portal where parents may purchase their own device if they wish. Laptops offered here meet all the specifications required for school use. Please read these details carefully (pages 6 and 7) before making a decision.

• Calculators

CASIO FX-8200AU - This is the preferred model if you need to purchase a new calculator. It will cover all maths subjects from Years 7-10, including VCE Chemistry and Physics. The calculator can be purchased as part of the booklists on pages 4 and 5.

CASIO ClassPad fx-CP400 - Students in Years 11 and 12 who have selected General Maths or Maths Methods will need to have access to a Casio ClassPad calculator. Ararat College has ClassPad calculators available to loan students for these subjects, but many students elect to purchase their own. Details on how to order are on page 8.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ararat 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. Please note that an estimate for extra curricular day excursions have not been included in the table below.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities 2024	Amount
School Magazine	\$20
Instrumental Music Lessons	\$110
Optional Year 7 Camp - Halls Gap	\$470
Optional Year 8 Camp - Queensland (Estimate only)	\$1400
Optional Year 9 Camp - Anglesea (Estimate only)	\$500
Optional Year 10 Camp - Ski Camp Mt Buller (Estimate only)	\$1400
Optional Year 11 Camp - Melbourne Experience (Estimate Only)	\$300
Optional Year 12 Retreat - Halls Gap	\$430
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.
- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate.
- Payment plans for extra curricular items and activities.




For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the college office for assistance on 5352 4177.

Payment Summary

Please complete the table below for an estimation of your expenses for 2024. Please note that payment plans can be arranged for **Extra-Curricular items only.**

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Estimate of Education Expenses	Total \$

Payment Options

	In Person	Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS at the college office
	Centrepay	Ararat College is registered to receive Centrepay payments. An automatic deduction from your Centrelink benefit can be established at any time.
	BPay	Existing families - Please use your current BPay reference. New families - We can provide you with a BPay reference if required.
DIRECT CREDIT	Direct Credit	The college office can provide you with bank account details and your reference number.

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:


<p>Curriculum Contributions</p> <p>Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.</p>	<p>Other Contributions</p> <p>Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.</p>	<p>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</p> <p>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.</p>
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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.

Stationery Packs

Stationery items can now be purchased locally through **Office National Ararat**. Orders can be made online through the portal or in store. Parents may also choose to source these items themselves.

A link to the online portal can be found on the college website under 'Back to School 2024'.

Orders can be placed until: **Tuesday 5th December 2023**

Booklist Orders will be available to collect from Office National Ararat (147 High Street) **Monday 22nd January 2024 onwards** .

Year 7 - 10

STUDENT PACK YR 7-10 'RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE RED 20P (53936)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE YELLOW 20P (53937)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
EXERCISE BOOK 8MM RULED 55GSM 96 PAGE A4 (7023097)	\$2.20 EACH	x10
BALLPOINT PEN MEDIUM ASSORTED PACK 6 (7093459) 2 X BLACK 2 X BLUE 2 X RED	\$4.30 PACK	x1
BALLPOINT PEN BLACK (7011410E)	\$0.50 EACH	x5
GRAPHITE PENCILS HB (7089752E)	\$0.35 EACH	x2
ERASER PVC FREE LARGE WHITE (7034425)	\$0.85 EACH	x1
RULER 30CM CLEAR PLASTIC SCHOOL (20102)	\$1.20 EACH	x1
HIGHLIGHTER CHISEL YELLOW (7071680)	\$1.25 EACH	x1
GLUE STICK 36G (7070311)	\$1.80 EACH	x1
CASIO SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR (FX8200AU)	\$49.95 EACH	x1
PORTWEST PW13 CLEAR VIEW SAFETY SPECTACLES CLEAR (7089906) FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY - RETAIN FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	\$6.95 EACH	x1
	Subtotal	\$95.90

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TOTAL IN SUBTOTAL AND GRAND TOTAL IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT IF ALL ITEMS ON THE RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS LIST ARE PURCHASED

STUDENT PACK YR 7-10 'PHOTOGRAPHY SUBJECT'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE BLACK 20P (53930)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
	Subtotal	\$2.20

STUDENT PACK YR 7-10 'MEDIA SUBJECT'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE BLACK 20P (53930)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
	Subtotal	\$2.20

STUDENT PACK YR 7-10 'OPTIONAL ESSENTIALS'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
SHINTARO SH-101 LIGHT WEIGHT HEADPHONE BLACK (7049430)	\$9.95 EACH	x0
PENCIL CASE 38X27CM 2 ZIP TARTAN ASSORTED (82448)	\$6.00 EACH	x0

Year 11

STUDENT PACK YEAR 11 'RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE RED 20P (53936)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE YELLOW 20P (53937)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
EXERCISE BOOK 8MM RULED 55GSM 96 PAGE A4 (7023097)	\$2.20 EACH	x10
BALLPOINT PEN MEDIUM ASSORTED PACK 6 (7093459) 2 X BLACK 2 X BLUE 2 X RED	\$4.30 PACK	x1
BALLPOINT PEN BLACK (7011410E)	\$0.50 EACH	x5
GRAPHITE PENCILS HB (7089752E)	\$0.35 EACH	x2
ERASER PVC FREE LARGE WHITE (7034425)	\$0.85 EACH	x1
RULER 30CM CLEAR PLASTIC SCHOOL (20102)	\$1.20 EACH	x1
HIGHLIGHTER CHISEL YELLOW (7071680)	\$1.25 EACH	x1
GLUE STICK 36G (7070311)	\$1.80 EACH	x1
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	Subtotal	\$95.90

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STUDENT PACK YEAR 11 'RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS - MEDIA SUBJECT'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE BLACK 20P (53930)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
	Subtotal	\$2.20

STUDENT PACK YEAR 11 'OPTIONAL ESSENTIALS'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
SHINTARO SH-101 LIGHT WEIGHT HEADPHONE BLACK (7049430)	\$9.95 EACH	x0
PENCIL CASE 38X27CM 2 ZIP TARTAN ASSORTED (82448)	\$6.00 EACH	x0
	Subtotal	\$0.00

Year 12

STUDENT PACK YEAR 12 'RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE RED 20P (53936)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE YELLOW 20P (53937)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
EXERCISE BOOK 8MM RULED 55GSM 96 PAGE A4 (7023097)	\$2.20 EACH	x10
BALLPOINT PEN MEDIUM ASSORTED PACK 6 (7093459) 2 X BLACK 2 X BLUE 2 X RED	\$4.30 PACK	x1
BALLPOINT PEN BLACK (7011410E)	\$0.50 EACH	x5
GRAPHITE PENCILS HB (7089752E)	\$0.35 EACH	x2
ERASER PVC FREE LARGE WHITE (7034425)	\$0.85 EACH	x1
RULER 30CM CLEAR PLASTIC SCHOOL (20102)	\$1.20 EACH	x1
HIGHLIGHTER CHISEL YELLOW (7071680)	\$1.25 EACH	x1
GLUE STICK 36G (7070311)	\$1.80 EACH	x1
CASIO SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR (FX8200AU)	\$49.95 EACH	x1
PORTWEST PW13 CLEAR VIEW SAFETY SPECTACLES CLEAR (7089906) FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY - RETAIN FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	\$6.95 EACH	x1
	Subtotal	\$95.90

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STUDENT PACK YEAR 12 'RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS - MEDIA SUBJECT ONLY'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE BLACK 20P (53930)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
	Subtotal	\$2.20

STUDENT PACK YEAR 12 'OPTIONAL ESSENTIALS'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
SHINTARO SH-101 LIGHT WEIGHT HEADPHONE BLACK (7049430)	\$9.95 EACH	x0
PENCIL CASE 38X27CM 2 ZIP TARTAN ASSORTED (82448)	\$6.00 EACH	x0
	Subtotal	\$0.00

VCE VM

VCE VM 'RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS'		
Product	Unit Price	QTY
WESTCOTT MICROBAN STUDENT SCISSOR 6 INCH (7009478)	\$3.05 EACH	x1
PROTEXT MESH POUCH WITH NOTE POCKET (7032711)	\$6.50 EACH	x1
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE BLUE 20P (53944)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE PURPLE 20P (53935)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE GREEN 20P (53933)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE RED 20P (53936)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
DISPLAY BOOK A4 REFILLABLE YELLOW 20P (53937)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
EXERCISE BOOK 8MM RULED 55GSM 96 PAGE A4 (7023097)	\$2.20 EACH	x1
INITIATIVE 4-COLOUR RETRACTABLE BALLPOINT PEN 1.0MM (7106361)	\$2.05 EACH	x1
METAL PENCIL SHARPENER 2-HOLE (79188)	\$2.95 EACH	x1
GLUE STICK 36G (7070311)	\$1.80 EACH	x1
RULER 30CM CLEAR PLASTIC SCHOOL (20102)	\$1.20 EACH	x1
GRAPHITE PENCILS HB (7089752E)	\$0.35 EACH	x1
BALLPOINT PEN BLACK (7011410E)	\$0.50 EACH	x5
CASIO SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR (FX8200AU)	\$49.95 EACH	x1
	Subtotal	\$83.55

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How to Order

Go to:

- Ararat College Website link 'Back to School 2024' and click order stationery button or Type <https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/ararat/ararat-college/> and Select 'create an order'
- Type in student's first name and surname and the student year you wish to order.
- Select the items that you need from the list provided.
- Select the items from the optional list that you may require.
- Click add order to cart. You can print your booklist prior to adding to cart.
- If you have completed your booklist click on check out or add another student and follow previous steps.
- Complete your family details and select delivery option.

Laptops

What are my options?

Please read these details carefully before making a decision.

All students require access to a laptop and students have the option to borrow a device from the library, purchase a new one or bring their own. Please note that if you indicate you would like to purchase or bring your own device, but change your mind, you can still access the library laptop option at any time.

1. Purchase

- Parents may purchase a laptop from our preferred supplier 'Learning With Technologies' through an online portal. You are not obligated to purchase from this company.
- The 3 laptops offered meet all the requirements that students will need for school use including options for insurance, warranty (return to base or onsite repairs at school) and accessories.
- Laptop delivery is guaranteed for mid January 2024.
- Laptops purchased through this site are sent directly to the school ready for students to start the school year.

2. Borrow and return a laptop from the library each day

- The student receives the same computer each day which they collect from the library before school and return to the library after school between 3:30 and 3:45. This may not be a new computer.
- Installation of all appropriate software. No other software or music allowed.
- Access to school IT support staff for routine maintenance and problem solving.
- Warranty is arranged by the school.
- Insurance for accidental breakage organised by school (Family pays any excess).

3. Bring your own laptop (BYOD)

Please contact the IT Manager prior to making this choice

Students bring their own laptop to school

Laptops must be:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Screen Size of 13.3"• Core I3 Gen 10 Processor• 8GB RAM• Operating System - Windows Professional 10 64Bit• 256GB SSD Hard drive | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 Hour Battery• 1 RJ45 Ethernet Port• 802.11a/b/g/n wireless LAN• Be less than 4 years old |
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In addition to the above please note that:

- IT staff can offer support but cannot help with hardware or virus issues.
- Repairs and warranty issues will need to be arranged and completed by the family (**3 year onsite is required**)
- Laptops **are required** to be insured by the family.
- **Once a BYOD device no longer fills the required specifications or is more than 4 years old it will no longer be able to be used.**

Apple Mac devices

Families can elect to use an Apple / Mac device at school but please be aware that there are limitations to their use within the college. These include:

- Limited printing options.
- Not all software used at Ararat College is supported for MAC users.
- Very limited MAC ICT support from Ararat College.

We strongly recommend that families contact our I.T. Manager before making a decision to use a MAC device, especially if you are looking to purchase one for school use.

Do I need to purchase a new Laptop?

Families who have purchased laptops in the past will need to check to see if their device needs updating.

Generally laptops will have a life span of 3 to 4 years maximum, however sometimes they may need to be replaced before this due to damage or other technical issues making repair unviable. In these instances parents are welcome to purchase a new device or take up the library loan or BYOD option instead.

School Year 2024	Laptops purchased through "Learning with Technologies"
Year 7	Laptop purchased 2024 - will be valid to use until the end of Year 10 - 2027 . Note: If 3 year Insurance and warranty purchased, this will lapse at the end of year 9 - 2026.
Year 8	Laptop purchased 2023 - will be valid to use until the end of Year 10 - 2026 . Note: If 3 year Insurance and warranty purchased, this will lapse at the end of year 9 - 2025.
Year 9	Laptop purchased 2022 - will be valid to use until the end of Year 10 - 2025 . Note: If 3 year Insurance and warranty purchased, this will lapse at the end of year 9 - 2024.
Year 10	Laptop purchased 2021 - will be valid to use until the end of Year 10 - 2024 . <ul style="list-style-type: none">You may need to consider purchasing new laptop or other option as device is already 3 years old and may not last the year. Note: Insurance and warranty will have lapsed and any repairs required will be the responsibility of the parent.
Year 11	Laptop purchased 2023 - will be valid to use until the end of Year 12.
Year 12	Laptop purchased 2022 - will be valid to use until the end of Year 12.

How to purchase a new Laptop with ' Learning With Technologies'

Laptops can be purchased through an online portal where parents may purchase their own device if they wish. Access to the online portal can be made through the Ararat College website.

Go to:

- Ararat College Website link, '**Back to School 2024**', and click order laptop button or type <https://araratcollege.orderportal.com.au/>
- Go to the buy now tab and the computers that are available will be displayed.
- Select the type of warranty and insurance you would like.
- Select any optional extras you would like to purchase.
- Once ordered your laptop will be delivered to Ararat College and all necessary software will be installed.
- Students collect their device from the college at the start of the school year.
- Orders need to be made by **THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2023**.

Need help with your decision?

If any families need assistance or require further information regarding these options, please do not hesitate to contact our I.T. Manager Kevin Bowles on 5352 4177.

Once you have made your choice, can you please complete the attached form detailing your intentions and return to Ararat College by **WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2023**.

CASIO ClassPad Calculators

Students in Year 11 and 12 who have selected General Maths or Maths Methods will need to have access to a Casio ClassPad calculator. Ararat College has ClassPad calculators available to loan students for these subjects, but many students elect to purchase their own.

Parents should note that this calculator, whilst expensive, has a long life expectancy as it has the capacity to have software upgrades and should last for several years. This is important, especially if parents wish to pass this calculator on to siblings or on sell at the end of their students schooling.

- Calculators can be purchased online through Abacus Calculators for **\$264.00**.
- Orders placed by **19th November 2023** will be delivered to the College the week beginning **4th December 2023**.
- Orders placed by **14th January 2024** will be delivered to the college the week beginning **29th January 2024**.

Casio ClassPad \$264.00

Package includes:

- 1 x Casio ClassPad fx-CP400
- 1 x Protective Padded Case
- 1 x Stylus Pen
- 1 x USB Data Transfer Cable
- 4 x AAA Alkaline Batteries
- Free deliver to the school
- 2 year replacement/repair warranty
- Warranty commences when the calculator arrives at the school

Please note : Broken screens and corrosion void warranty

How to Order

- Go to Ararat College Website link 'Back to School 2024' and click order calculator button or Go to www.abacuscalculators.com.au
- Enter your SCHOOL ID CODE: **ARARATGR** above the orange log in button
- Select your calculator and accessories and pay for your order.
- All orders delivered to the school will be distributed by maths coordinator

Dates to Remember

Stationery Orders	Orders can be placed until	Tuesday 5th December 2023
	Orders available to collect from Office National (147 High Street)	Monday 22nd January 2024 onwards
Laptops	Laptop program intention form by	Wednesday 15th November 2023
	If you intend buying a laptop please complete order by	Thursday 30th November 2023
Calculators	Orders placed by will be delivered to the College the week beginning	Sunday 19th November 2023 Monday 4th December 2023
	Orders placed by will be delivered to the college the week beginning	Sunday 14th January 2024 Monday 29th January 2024