



Victoria College Bursaries – Essential Information

Bursaries are provided from a range of different sources, to provide financial support on a means-tested basis for families, to allow their sons to attend Victoria College.

Victoria College relies on Victoria College Foundation funds for bursary provision, some of which is generated through charitable donations and some from Foundation Partner investment. There is, therefore, only a set amount of funding that can be allocated from the Foundation, combined with a limited number of external funds, so the awarding of bursaries needs to be carefully considered.

VCJ bursaries are strictly means tested and awarded on a sliding scale. Depending on your family's circumstances and subject to available funding, you may be eligible to receive from 10% up to 90% of the fees. Upon request, support is also available for any payable co-curricular clubs and any essential school trips which relate to the curriculum during the school year.

There is no guarantee of a bursary, regardless of financial circumstances, and we base our decisions on financial resources available to Victoria College and carefully considering the applicant's specific circumstances, based on financial assessment.

As part of the financial assessment, we take into account your total household income (including benefits), assets, the number of children in the household, parental responsibility arrangements and your family's outgoings. Therefore, it is not possible to publish a precise scale, but the following gives a **broad** indication of support available:

Gross household income (before tax)	Possible support from the Bursary Campaign	Contribution from parents / carers
£60,000 or less than	90%	10%
£66,000 or less than	75%	25%
£72,000 or less than	50%	50%
£78,000 or less than	25%	75%
£82,000 or less than	5%	95%

Factors taken into account:

We recognise that judgements about the sacrifices that a family should make to pay school fees will be personal. However, we will take into account a number of factors in determining the level of financial support we can offer, for example:

- Current earnings;
- The ability to improve the financial position or earning power of the family. For example, where there are two parents, both would be expected to work unless one is prevented from doing so through incapacity, the need to care for dependents (including pre-school children), or the requirements of their partner's work;
- Opportunities to release any capital. Significant capital savings and investments would be expected to be used for the payment of school fees, as would surplus equity values in any properties;
- In cases of separation, the contribution made by each adult with parental responsibility for the child;
- Contribution by others to household costs, for example by extended family members, any adults unrelated to the child or by outside sources;
- Payment of fees to other schools or organisations;
- General Lifestyle of the family, including expenditure on annual holidays.

Circumstances not compatible with bursaries:

In order to ensure that we are adhering to the principle of supporting families who are doing everything they can to contribute to school fees, Victoria College considers that the following would not be consistent with the receipt of a bursary:

- Significant savings and/or investments;
- Another child at an independent school on a full fee place;
- Second property or land holdings;
- Frequent and/or expensive holidays; or
- Expensive or luxury vehicles.

Additional Information:

As bursary continuation is not guaranteed from one year to the next, when there is a change in circumstances, parents are encouraged to consider other educational options whilst awaiting a bursary decision, particularly, where there is a natural break in a student's education, for example at the end of Year 6, Year 9 or Year 11.

A student transferring from VCP to VCJ will not automatically receive the same bursary they might have had at VCP and will need to reapply and be considered along with all other new candidates for a new bursary.

If applicants do not provide all the information that the Bursary Committee asks for, the application will automatically be declined.

Bursary eligibility guidelines are enacted for students who hold awards to ensure students are making full use of their opportunities at Victoria College and funds are being effectively utilised. These guidelines expect boys to follow our high expectations as regards to:

- Academic progress – measured through academic feedback on Progress Reviews.
- Engagement – measured through Aspiration and Respect feedback on Progress Reviews.
- Behaviour – measured through accumulation of behaviour points and formal sanctions.
- Attendance – measured through daily registration.

The parental contribution to fees should be paid by monthly direct debit starting from 1st June prior to the start of the academic year commencing 1st September. Failure to maintain the parental contribution to fees would result in the bursary being withdrawn and the student place at school being put at risk.

Full details are explained in our bursary retention document.

Timeline for Bursaries:

December: application forms available

January: applicants must submit their tax returns by 31st January to the Jersey Tax Office

End of January: bursary application deadline

March: bursary committee meeting to decide on individual bursaries

April: Applicants are informed of their bursary application outcomes

June: monthly payments for the Autumn Term start