

2023 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Carer,

Bairnsdale Secondary College is looking forward to another successful year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bairnsdale Secondary College's Parent Payment Arrangements for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Extra-curricular items are on a user pays basis. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and outcomes for our students. We want to thank our families for all their financial contributions in providing for the educational needs of our students. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Parent/carer financial contributions in 2022 allowed us to:

- provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Humanities, Technology, Language and Health and PE
- maintain and develop the school grounds and buildings
- ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities
- maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills
- provide hands on maths equipment e.g., measuring materials for teaching purposes
- facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions
- deliver a range of sporting equipment
- provide an exceptional student wellbeing program.

An overview of the Department's Parent Payment Policy is included in our Parent Payment booklet for your information.

The full version of the Department's Parent Payment policy can be accessed from the Bairnsdale Secondary College website or <https://ww2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>.

Attached are the following parent payment arrangements for 2023:

- Extra-Curricular items and activities and other voluntary contributions – All year levels
- Year Level Payment Arrangements
- Parent Payments Policy – one page overview

Compass Pay

Compass Pay is available using the Compass app where we invite parents/carers to make a financial contribution to support our school in the following categories:

- Voluntary contributions to the College's curriculum
- Other voluntary items
- Extra- curricular items – these are optional and charged on a user pay basis.

All families have access to Compass pay via the Compass app. Families new to our College will be provided with log in details to our Compass App.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- regular contributions plan for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- State Schools Relief (SSR) e.g., uniform support.

If you hold a current concession card, Veteran Affairs Gold card or are a temporary foster carer, you are eligible for the CSEF (Camp, Sport, and Excursion Fund). Please complete the application form and return it to the College for processing.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss the Parent Payment contributions, please contact our Finance Team:

Phone 03 5150 4800

email accounts@bairnsdalesc.vic.edu.au

Payment Methods

- Via Compass using your credit card or Mastercard/Visa debit cards
- BPAY
- Direct Deposit
- Cash and EFT at the Administration office.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of our College 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.

All refunds will be credited to the family account and where the family requires a payment, the Family Finance Officer is to be contacted.

Please note you are not required to return any forms to our College. Parent payment arrangements for 2023 will be available on the Compass App.

Yours sincerely,



Trudie Nagle
Executive Principal



David Radford
Council President

2023 All Year levels

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Bairnsdale Secondary 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 to deliver the Curriculum.

These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Music - Instrumental Program Tuition Fee	\$200.00
Music - Instrument Purchase (min 25% of instrument cost per semester)	
Music - Instrument Hire - per year	\$200.00
Excursions and Activities are invoiced as they occur (Year 7 Camp will be approximately \$390.00)	TBA
Optional School Formal (Year 11)	TBA
Year 12 Graduation	TBA
VCAL Job Camp (\$230 approximately)	TBA
VET Off Campus Bus Fare	\$60.00
VET Materials – e.g: Uniform, PPE, Excursions/Modules not compulsory for the qualification, Additional Resources	TBA
First Aid Course – additional to curriculum (\$70.00 approximately)	TBA
Construction Induction Card– additional to curriculum (\$200 approximately)	TBA

Other Voluntary Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Sports Program – School Sports Victoria membership and to support student participation in inter-school sports	\$25.00
Student Wellbeing Program - we support individual student wellbeing; this includes the engagement of external professionals on a needs basis. Your contribution supports us in developing our knowledge of the many different student needs and the best approach to assist them and their families.	\$25.00
Building and Grounds Maintenance to keep the school looking its best	\$25.00
Equipment and Maintenance to provide students with up-to-date equipment that supports their learning	\$25.00

2023 Years 7 and 8 Parent Payment Arrangements

Voluntary Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Year 7 & 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science experimental materials • Humanities and English projects created in the classroom • International cooking in LOTE • Art Materials – e.g. -paint, special paper, and pencils • Ingredients for Food Technology • Materials for Design Technology projects • Physical Education – travel to PA, equipment <p>Online Subscriptions Incursions/guest speakers</p>	\$260.00
<p><i>ICT Support</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment needed to sustain and enhance our ICT program • Ongoing technical support 	\$55.00
<p><i>Year 7 and 8 student resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Student Printing</i> 	\$25.00
<p><i>Laptops</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Year 7, Bairnsdale Secondary College is offering a 1:1 tablet / laptop program in 2023 to all students. The laptop will be purchased by the school to allow the legal installation of required software and will also include warranty and insurance. Students will have full use of the laptop throughout the school year as a loan device.</i> • <i>Year 8, families loaning a device in 2022 will have the option of continuing to participate in the 1:1 tablet / laptop program in 2023. Students will have full use of the laptop throughout the school year as a loan device.</i> 	\$150.00

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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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.