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2021 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS – YEAR 9

Dear Parent/Carer

Bairnsdale Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bairnsdale Secondary College's Parent Payment Arrangements for 2021.

School councils can develop parent payment arrangements that comply with the Department's Parent Payment policy under three categories:

1. Essential Student Learning Items
2. Optional Items
3. Voluntary Contributions

At Bairnsdale Secondary College we make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Please find the fee schedule for Year 9 attached and also the booklist which guides you on the everyday items that your child will use in the classroom. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the book supplier on the attached booklist.

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Finance Team on 03 5150 4800 or by email: accounts@bairnsdalesc.vic.edu.au

Preferred Payment Methods
BPAY; Direct Deposit; EFT by phone or at the Administration office

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

An overview of the Department's Parent Payment Policy is on the one page attachment 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.

Yours sincerely,

Trudie Nagle
Executive Principal

David Radford
Council President

Respect self, others and the environment
Be the best you can be.

2021 FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 9

Please find below the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Bairnsdale Secondary College also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Student Learning Items - Core Subjects Includes: Education Perfect and Science eBook subscriptions English Novel Hire Essential Learning software Consumable materials for class activities which students then take possession of or consume i.e. science experimental materials, Humanities and English projects created in the classroom Photocopies of text replacement Student printing credit Incursions/guest speakers Student ID Card	$ 155.00
Student Elective Subject Materials – Itemised Below Where student's consume or take possession of the finished article – i.e. *Art/Technology* – e.g. canvas, paint, clay, special paper, wood, metals, plastics, fabric; *Food Technology* –cooking ingredients that students will consume such as flour, eggs, milk, meats Visiting artists/guest speakers/incursions Text Resources Equipment loans ***Individual invoices will be created as per student subject selections. Where subjects are changed, accounts will be adjusted if there is a cost variance.***	

Year 9 Elective Subjects	Amount
The Arts	
Art / Drawing / Studio Arts	$30.00 per subject
2D Art / Arts Software / Drama / Media / Music / Music Performance / Theatre Studies / Media Studies	$15.00 per subject
Digital SLR Photography / Vis Communications – Includes e*quipment loan*	$40.00
Languages	
Japanese (Whole Year)	$10.00
German (Whole Year)	$10.00
Health and Physical Education	
Competitive Sports / Health and Personal Fitness / Health	$20.00 per subject
Outdoor Education – Excursions $250 approximately - to be paid prior to the event	$40.00

Science

Biological Systems / Chemistry / Elementary Physics / Introduction to Psychology – Includes text resources	$20.00 per subject

Technology

ICT - Design for the Web / Mastering Multimedia	$15.00
Metalwork - Creative Design	$35.00
Woodwork - Interior / Exterior Furniture Design	$30.00
Textiles - Modern Design	$15.00
Food Studies - What's on the Menu	$50.00
Food Studies - Wide World of Foods	$50.00

Optional Items

Bairnsdale Secondary College offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
Instrumental Music Program Tuition	$ 200.00
Instrument Purchase via instalments over 2 years – 25% of cost per semester	
Instrument Hire – Tuba / Double Bass per year	$ 100.00
Combination Lock	$ 15.00

Voluntary Contributions

Bairnsdale Secondary College continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible	Contribution Amount
Building and Grounds Maintenance	No	$ 25.00
Equipment and Maintenance	No	$ 25.00
Sports Program	No	$ 25.00
Student Welfare Program	No	$ 25.00

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

2021 PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:

FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.

PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.

Essential Student Learning Items	Optional Items	Voluntary Contributions
○ Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning. ○ Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.	○ Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. ○ These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.	○ Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose. ○ Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.

- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.