

## 2022 Parent Payment Arrangements - Years 7 and 8

Dear Parent/Guardian,

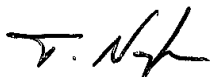
Bairnsdale Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bairnsdale Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2022

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Therefore, we want to thank you for all your assistance in providing for the educational needs of your student. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school your contributions allow us to offer our students a broader range of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the upgrade of our facilities, faster WIFI and internet and enhancement of our student wellbeing and student support teams that help, care for and encourage both our students and families.

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

Yours sincerely,



**Trudie Nagle**  
Executive Principal



**David Radford**  
School Council President





Other 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
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>

#### Educational items for students to own

- ***The Year 7 and 8 Booklist*** is included with this letter with a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.
- ***Bring Your Own Device Program*** (BYOD) - options will be shared once available

#### 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
School magazine	\$15.00	
Instrumental Program Tuition Fee	\$200.00	
Instrument Purchase (min 25% of instrument cost per semester)		
Instrument Hire - per year	\$200.00	
Excursions & Activities are invoiced as they occur (Year 7 Camp will be approximately \$390.00)	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

If you would like to make a Curriculum or Other Contribution or purchase an Extra-Curricular item or activity for your child, please indicate on the tables provided above. Then enter the total below and return this to the school by **30 November 2021**.

<b>Student's Name</b>	
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**Total**

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

**Payment methods**

- Payment can be made at either Administration office by Cash or EFTPOS,
- Bpay - Details can be obtained from the Administration Office
- Centre Pay – This can be either set up through Bairnsdale Secondary College or Centrelink
- Compass Pay is coming! Further information will be provided at a later date

**Refunds**

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

**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
- payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities and uniform
- State Schools Relief (SSR)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Finance Team:

Phone 03 5150 4800

email [accounts@bairnsdalesc.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@bairnsdalesc.vic.edu.au)

# 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.