

2026 Parent Payment Arrangement

Dear parent/guardian,

We would like to advise you of Bentleigh Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for Year 9, 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. However, to continue to deliver a high-quality and enriching educational experience for all students, we rely on the generous support of our families.

We are committed to offering exceptional programs that equip students with the knowledge and skills to thrive - academically, socially and emotionally. We know that our families share these high expectations and aspirations for their children.

While government funding covers the standard curriculum your voluntary financial contributions enable us to go beyond the basics. They support enhanced programs, additional resources, and initiatives that enrich learning and wellbeing for all students attending Bentleigh Secondary College.

We are proud of our commitment to excellence, and your ongoing support plays a vital role in maintaining a vibrant and inclusive learning environment for all students.

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

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Helene E Hiotis
Principal

Ms Yvette Herft
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum <i>Curriculum Contributions cover items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum</i>		Amount
Student ID card and Diary/Journal	\$40.00	\$375.00
Subject consumables, classroom materials	\$290.00	
Whole school events – athletics & swimming	\$45.00	
Total Curriculum Contributions		\$

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities <i>Other Contributions support non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives</i>		Amount
Contributions are essential to the college and supports: • Classroom items used for learning and shared class sets; • Teaching and learning equipment; • Sports affiliation costs • Enhanced student support – e.g. tutoring, coaching, mentoring, learning support, clubs; • Locker maintenance; • IT and network levy – e.g. technology equipment/software; • Photocopying and printing – e.g. worksheets; exam papers; • Student and parent communications tools - Compass and Timetabling packages; • Data Analysis – e.g. Analytics in School; • Enhanced wellbeing support; • School buildings, grounds maintenance and enhancements; • First aid and hygiene costs		\$360.00
Total Other Contributions		

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. (non-refundable) <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	\$150.00
School Library. (non-refundable) <i>A tax-deductible contribution to purchase, preserve and maintain the collection of books and other materials for reading, study or reference housed in the Bentleigh Secondary College Library.</i>	\$100.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Bentleigh Secondary College offers a range of optional 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 and will be via Compass throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities <i>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.</i>		Amount
Instrumental Music <i>Participation via application acceptance</i> Please note: Participation in the Instrumental Music Program is mandatory for all students enrolled on the <i>Gifted and Talented</i> program.		\$650.00
Instrument Hire		\$300.00
Sports Academy <i>Participation via application acceptance</i>		\$1,500.00
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Educational items for students to own

The resource/booklist recommends you purchase from Campion Education for your child to individually own and use. Resource/booklist access information provided in the 2026 information email to parents.

Contributions requests will be via Compass

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>
	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i>
	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Total	\$

Financial Support for Families

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

Government assistance programs:

- The Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application. Information is provided in the enrolment or re-enrolment process and via Compass.
- State Schools Relief provide support for school items. Requests must go through our Wellbeing Team.

Second-hand school items:

- College second-hand uniform shop

College support:

- For families identified as experiencing hardship by our Wellbeing Team, items may be available to loan e.g., textbooks, graphing calculator.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, contact our Wellbeing Team via email wellbeing@bentleighsc.vic.edu.au or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our Finance Team via email finance@bentleighsc.vic.edu.au (Ph: 03 9579 1044)

Payment methods

The preferred payment method is via Compass Parent Portal. Payments can be made in full or via designated payment dates. BPay payments are accepted using individual family reference numbers. Families can email a request to finance@bentleighsc.vic.edu.au for alternative payment arrangements.

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial support for families, and any other relevant information. Building fund contributions are non-refundable.

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:

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.