



Dear Parent/Carer,

Bendigo Senior Secondary College (BSSC) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of BSSC's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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. We want to thank you for all your support, as this will make a huge difference to our college and the programs we can offer.

Within our college, in the past this support has allowed us to provide:

- A wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across both year levels
- Enhanced ICT and digital learning experiences
- Maintenance of college facilities and grounds.

BSSC will provide families with an online personalised subject booklist, which will outline all required materials for each enrolled subject. You can access the booklist via our booklist provider, EdPlus (www.edplus.com.au), where you will log in using your student's BSSC code, which has been provided to you within this email. Timely booklist submissions should be made by Friday 9th December.

This document contains a breakdown of the Voluntary Financial Contributions Schedule for all students, however accessing the personalised online booklist will give specific information for each family.

There are many advantages to students owning materials for personal use rather than a shared/loaned arrangement. Where parents/carers would like to purchase items, they can do so via www.edplus.com.au or could also consider purchasing items secondhand. There is a BSSC Secondhand Books Facebook page, where many items can be privately purchased.

We are happy to assist with any enquiries at any time.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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Our ROLE is to empower learners for individual, community and global leadership. We value Respect, Optimism, Learning and Engagement.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>All items required for the delivery of each subject is listed on each student's individual booklist, accessed via www.edplus.com.au, using the student's BSSC Student Code (provided to you via email).</p> <p>Items include, but are not limited to, textbooks, calculators, class materials, practice exams, PPE, camps, excursions, online digital resources, etc.</p> <p>Students will benefit from having access to their own personal copy/version of these materials to individually own and use. Consideration should be given to purchasing your own supply of these, where possible.</p>	Various
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$various

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities <i>*Please note all of the following items are also to be paid for via the student's individual booklist</i>	Amount
Learning Resources Year 11 and 12 (including Compass, locker usage, high speed internet, ID card, print credits, ICT and BYOD support)	\$75.00
College Magazine	\$25.00
Parents and Friends Association	\$10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$110

Other Contributions – ADP STUDENTS ONLY for non-curriculum items and activities <i>*Please note all of the following items are also to be paid for via the student's individual booklist</i>	Amount
ADP students only Athlete Development Program – Technical Squad	\$450.00
Athlete Development Program – Strength, Conditioning and Physiotherapy	\$750.00
Total Other Contributions	\$1200

Tax deductible voluntary contributions	Suggested amount (any amount gratefully accepted)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Please choose one option only; to be paid for via the student's individual booklist</i> Building fund: BSSC is continually updating our buildings and facilities across the campus to ensure the best environment for student learning. Previous contributions to the fund have assisted in the establishment of our Student Services Centre and refurbishment of James King Hall. Library fund: The school library fund is used to preserve and maintain the collection of resources (including books, databases and other digital resources) for reading, reference or study and are housed in the college library. 	
Combination building and school library funds (Contribution split between two funds)	\$200
OR Building fund donation	\$200
OR School library fund donation	\$200

Payment methods

Payment can be made via the booklist for all required items, including items to be collected at the college. Alternatively, families can make payments via the college Finance Office for all items, with the exception of textbooks.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- loaning of items

For a confidential discussion about accessing the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, please contact:

BSSC Finance Team

Ph: 03 5443 1222 | Email: admin@bssc.edu.au

Refunds

Parent/carer 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 college 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 Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

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) 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.