



YEAR 8 2025 – VOLUNTARY AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Bellarine Secondary College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. The support provided by voluntary contributions has allowed us to ensure all students can access the College's learning program free of financial discrimination. The College is proud of the fact that it provides students with a rich and diverse program. Voluntary contributions from parents are much appreciated and will help us meet the diverse needs and interests of our students.

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

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Johannesen
Principal

Sally Edgerton
College Council

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for eligible families
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra- Curricular Items and Activities
- Schools Saving Bonus – 2025 only

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, or discuss further options that may be available to you please contact:

Shae Dunstan - Ph: 03 5251 9000 | Email: shae.dunstan@education.vic.gov.au

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

Payment methods

Bellarine Secondary College will be using the 'Compass' platform to receive payments for voluntary contributions and user-pays excursions, activities and camps. It is important that you can access this platform, and we ask that you contact the General office if you are having any issues with access. We can also accept payment via Bank Transfer (details provided on request), EFTPOS or Cash. Please ensure you return this form filled in if you are not contributing via Compass so we can adequately allocate your payment.



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
The Resilience Project Planner including Learning for Life resources	\$29.50
Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foods – Materials (flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta) & Workbook (\$60) Robotics – Materials (motors, circuit boards, gearbox and components) (\$10) Textiles – Materials (pins, cotton, elastic, buttons, fabrics etc) (\$15) English Novel (\$15) Science – Protective Glasses (\$3) Indonesian – Cooking Class (specialty ingredients) (\$20) 	\$123.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Locker Hire	\$10.00
Year 8 Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$20) Swimming carnival – entry (\$5) 	\$25.00
Library / ICT Resources	\$10.00
Student Wellbeing Programs	\$10.00
Families Experiencing Financial Hardship	\$20.00
School Grounds, Maintenance, and Improvements	\$10.00
Total Amount	\$

Educational Items For Students To Own

Booklists

Year 8 Families can purchase their textbooks / stationery online through Campion via this link (www.campion.com.au) using “MC7Q” as your code. These will also be on Compass Newsfeed and on our website. To receive goods for the start of the school year please complete this by Friday 20th December 2024.

Digital Devices

Year 8 Families will have their device from 2024. New enrolments can purchase a laptop via the LWT portal link here <https://bellarine2025.orderportal.com.au>. Laptops will be delivered to the college late January ready for the first week back of Term 1, therefore if you would like your child to receive the device on the date required it is recommended to order this by Tuesday 19th December. Bellarine Secondary College Council have specified the device for purchase and do not accept students bringing other devices to school. Students that do not have a device will have access to a shared device for class use only and will be provided with ‘hard copy’ homework where required.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Bellarine 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. We aim to provide all extra-curricular items and activities in a timely manner prior to the event to provide our parents with an opportunity to plan and/or request financial support.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
School Magazine – provided in December 2025	\$20.00	
Year 8 End of Year Celebration	\$15.00	
Other optional Year 8 excursions and activities to be scheduled	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$	

Total

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



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.