



November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2026 and would like to advise you of the opportunity to support the College to deliver our program through voluntary financial contributions.

As a Victorian Public School, we provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we wish to reassure you that any contributions related to the core curriculum are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families enables our school to offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We understand and appreciate that the capacity of families to contribute varies. Support can take many forms, including voluntary financial contributions, participating in fundraising, or volunteering your time. Your involvement, whether through contributions, fundraising, or volunteering already makes a significant difference to our school and to the opportunities we can provide for students. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your generosity enriches our students' educational experiences. With your help, we can offer diverse learning programs, invest in quality classroom resources, and foster an inclusive school environment where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed. Every contribution, big or small, helps to further enhance student engagement, wellbeing, and achievement across our school community.

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

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Johannesen
Principal

Gareth Daniels
College Council President



YEAR 8 2026 – VOLUNTARY AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum			Amount
Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment			\$93.00
Unit	Amount	✓	
Foods – Materials (flour, butter, fruit, vegetables, meat, rice, pasta) & Workbook	\$60.00		
Robotics – Materials (motors, circuit boards, gearbox and components)	\$10.00		
Indonesian – Cooking Class (specialty ingredients)	\$20.00		
Science – Protective Glasses	\$3.00		
<i>Student resources</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Resilience Project Planner including Learning for Life resources 			\$29.50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading across the curriculum worksheets and textbooks (English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, The Arts, Technology) 			\$50.00
Whole school events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$20.00) 			\$20.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$5.00) 			\$5.00
Total Curriculum Contributions (Section A)			\$197.50

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Locker hire & maintenance	\$10.00
Library Resources – Please nominate an amount if you would like to contribute to resources for the college library.	\$10.00
Student Wellbeing Programs – Please nominate an amount if you would like to contribute to the wellbeing programs for the college.	\$10.00
Families Experiencing Financial Hardship – Please nominate an amount if you are in a position to support families in need.	\$20.00
School Grounds, Maintenance, and Improvements – Please nominate an amount if you wish to contribute to our buildings and grounds.	\$10.00
Total Other Contributions (Section B)	\$60.00



Educational items for students to own

Booklists & Voluntary Contributions

Families can purchase their textbooks/stationery online through Campion via a link (www.campion.com.au) using “9J62” 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 19th December 2025.

Digital Devices

Families without a device or that need a new device can purchase one via the LWT portal link here: <https://bellarine2026.orderportal.com.au>. Laptops purchased by Monday the 15th of December 2025 will be delivered directly to you at home in time for classes starting in 2026. We are also accepting some devices purchased from other suppliers which will only be connected to our network if they meet the minimum requirements. Please be aware if you select this option, you will be solely responsible for any hardware issues, including warranty claims. 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 – provided on a user-pays basis

Bellarine 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School magazine – <i>The school magazine features highlights of the school year, student artwork, stories, photographs of events and celebrations of th year that was.</i>	\$20.00
Year 8 End of Year Classroom Celebration Activity	\$15.00
Junior Inter School Sport (selected students) - \$15.00 per entry	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (Section C)	\$35.00

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Shae Dunstan

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Total

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions (Section A)	\$197.50
Other Contributions (Section B)	\$60.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Section C)	\$35.00
Total	\$292.50

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 Compass, 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.

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 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) 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.