



BORONIA
K-12 COLLEGE

Proudly Learning Together

20 October, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Boronia K-12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Boronia K-12 College's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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. 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to:

- Offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Upgrade and purchase additional IT devices for students use
- Upgrades to the school grounds
- Upgrades to our Wi-Fi and internet networks
- Upgrades to our sporting facilities
- Continuous enhancements to our wellbeing program

Please find following Boronia K-12 College's voluntary contributions schedule for 2024, which includes an overview of what your contributions will contribute towards.

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

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Scammell
Principal

Susie Colling
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Secondary 7-10</i> classroom consumables, materials & equipment Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Student planner	\$300.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$50.00
<i>General contribution (priorities as outlined in the school Annual Implementation Plan)</i>	\$50.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$50.00
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Boronia K-12 College have a BYOD laptop program from Years 5-12. Students are encouraged to bring their own device. Further information regarding the laptop program is available on compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Boronia K-12 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. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

Vocational Educational Training (VET)

From 2022 the Department will reimburse VET material fees to government schools to address the cost barrier for families. This funding covers the costs of:

- Materials required for training and assessment that are consumed and cannot be recycled. Please note students may wish to upgrade materials for certain projects (i.e., upgrade from pine to mahogany). **Any upgrade to materials provided by Boronia K-12 College is considered to be an OPTIONAL ITEM.**
- Workbooks, handouts, photocopying
- Class sets, intended to be returned where ownership does not pass to the student *i.e.*, aprons, tools

However, this funding does not cover all costs associated with the facilitation of VET classes. The payment of the following costs is supported by Voluntary Financial Contributions from families, as detailed in the Voluntary Financial contributions schedule above:

- Online registration/subscription fees
- Tuition fees, registration and administration fees

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by 5 February 2024.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>College Magazine</i>	TBA	
Instrumental Music program	TBA	
Street Beats Music Program (Years 5 -12)	TBA	
Optional Whole school sports events (Years Foundation – Year 12)	TBA	
<i>Other optional camps, events and excursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA	
<i>Combination padlock</i>	\$10.00	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Boronia K-12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions
- *State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate.*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Maria Jansen on 03 9760 4900 or email maria.jansen@education.vic.gov.au

Total

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

Payment methods

We have several payment methods available including Compass, EFTPOS, cash or cheque

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.

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.