



BORONIA
K-12 COLLEGE

Proudly Learning Together

26 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Voluntary Contributions – Foundation – Grade 5

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership throughout this year. We are always focused on providing our students with the best possible education and there are many positive changes planned for 2025 that will further enhance the educational experience for all students.

The government provides our school funding to provide free classroom instruction to deliver the standard Victorian Curriculum and we wish to assure you that all financial contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families by way of contributions or volunteering time does help us offer the best possible curricular and extra-curricular programs that ultimately enhances the learning and wellbeing supports provided to students. Over time this has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer such as:

- Offer a broad range of subjects, electives, clubs and special curriculum experiences for students across all year levels
- Provide additional wellbeing and sub school supports including programs that respond to cohort or individual needs
- Upgrades to our grounds and facilities including blinds and air conditioning for classrooms and enhancements to the outdoor environment
- Upgrades to our Wi-Fi network and technologies such as new presentation TVs, 3D printers and Laptops to support learning interventions; and
- Upgrades to our sporting facilities and equipment

The information on the following pages outlines the Boronia K-12 College voluntary contributions schedule for 2025, which includes an overview of how your contributions will contribute to supporting our school.

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

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Broecker
Principal

Susie Colling
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Primary (Foundation – Grade 5)</i> classroom consumables, materials & equipment across all areas of the Primary curriculum, Online subscriptions, Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials, student planner <i>(Please note that an individual book box will not be required for students in Foundation – year 5)</i>	\$225.00
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from shared classroom sets (F-4)</i>	\$100.00
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	\$

ICT at Boronia K-12 College

Boronia K-12 College have shared use of laptops and devices from Years Foundation – Grade 4. Contributions to the ICT program are greatly appreciated, however, these payments are voluntary.

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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table on the following page and return this to the school by 15 December, 2024.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Whole school sports events (Years Foundation – Year 12)	\$12 per event	
<i>Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled</i>	<i>TBA</i>	
<i>Instrumental Music classes are offered at \$33.00 per lesson (these lessons are heavily subsidised by the school). Commitment is on a term by term basis.</i>	<i>\$330 per 10 week term</i>	
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 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.