



Year 8 Parent Payment Arrangements 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Buckley Park College is proud to provide an outstanding secondary school experience for our students and would like to inform you of our 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, support, and infrastructure for our students.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through voluntary financial contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school your financial support has allowed us a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences, enhanced digital learning opportunities.

Upgrades across the 2023 school year include:

- The continued upgrade of classrooms with replacement tables, chairs, and carpet
- Replacement of Internal and external LED lights across the school
- Updated CCTV cameras and supported software
- Laying of Instant turf and landscape works at the front of the school and B block.
- Undercover walkways and accessibility across the school.

In 2024 we will be focusing our attention on:

- the planning for science room upgrades and re-imagining existing classrooms to create spaces for the STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics program).
- Increasing the Sun protected areas across the school for learning spaces and play.
- Introducing a concentrated cyclical maintenance program across the school to paint and update rooms, and corridor areas.
- Extending the landscaping projects across the other areas of the school.

Your support of these initiatives is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of Buckley Park College.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Cheung

Principal

Josie Piscopo

School Council President

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis.**

Buckley Park 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. These are provided on a user pays basis.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year as events are scheduled. Below is an example of some of the extracurricular items that are offered.

Further information is available through COMPASS, **Payments will be made through COMPASS.**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 8 Camp – Tasmania tour to be scheduled in Term 2. Based on the 2023 experience, the indicative cost is \$1400-\$1600)	\$TBC COMPASS Item
School yearbook: The Benalta Please pay by End of Term 2, Friday 21 June 2024 to allow for ordering	\$22 COMPASS Item
Optional Instrumental Music Lessons (once enrolment confirmed, will appear on COMPASS – equates to approx. \$19 per lesson, paid in 2 instalments Term 1 and Term 3)	\$800 COMPASS Item
Instrument Hire (Includes instrument repairs and maintenance)	\$180 COMPASS Item
Optional Instrumental Music Lessons – 2nd Instrument	\$400 COMPASS Item

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund - CSEF (Health care or Pension card required) - Application form available at Office and College Website under DOCUMENTS
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (via COMPASS)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: *Alexia Kanellakos – Welfare Coordinator* Email: buckley.park.co@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested curricular contributions is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Buckley Park College. Parents are strongly encouraged to contribute to these funds listed through the booklist. There will be further opportunity to contribute through Compass. Our preferred payment method is via the booklist or the compass portal, through the payment centre on your dashboard. We also accept EFTPOS and Cash payments at the office or over the phone.

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. Full details available on college website – Documents/School Policy manual (pages 135 & 136)



Educational items for students to own.

Please see the year 8 booklist for textbooks and items the school recommends you purchase from champion for your child to own and individually use.

The following items and amounts in RED are listed on the booklist. If you have paid these through Champion, you are NOT required to pay these areas. These are listed for any parent as an opportunity to pay these on COMPASS if they haven't previously done so.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 8 Incursions, Events and Activities – Could include: Brainstorm productions (Cyberia), Midyear sport activity incursion, Project Rockit, Practical Activity incursion, Pat Cronin & We are Gibber, Police Workshop, Reach other identified events and activities (<i>will appear on COMPASS, Information will be distributed as scheduled</i>)	\$150 <i>COMPASS Item</i>
Wellbeing Incursions – <i>Could Include: Peer support Program, Presentations of Anxiety, Talking to your Teens, Impact of pornography on teens, Study Skills, Healthy Relationships</i>	\$35 <i>COMPASS Item</i>
YEAR 8 Subject Specific contributions – <i>Used for materials, consumables, equipment (subject specific breakdown available on Booklist)</i>	\$500 <i>Booklist Item</i>
Student Printing Credit	\$22 <i>Booklist Item</i>
Provision & Upkeep of ICT devices, consumables, PIVOT software for Student Teacher Feedback additional firewall/SPAM protection and system support	\$32 <i>Booklist Item</i>
Whole school events - Entry and transport: Athletics carnival & Swimming carnival – (\$14 ea.)	\$28 <i>Booklist Item</i>
Student resources - Student planner, Optional	\$16 <i>Booklist Item</i>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements (<i>engagement of service provider to maintain lawns, turf, gardens, paths etc.</i>)	\$60 <i>COMPASS Item</i>
Cyclical Carpet & Painting upgrades — <i>each year the school prioritise an area to be recarpeted or repainted</i>	\$60 <i>COMPASS Item</i>
School Production – <i>costume, equipment, specialist technician and premises hire, makeup</i>	\$35 <i>COMPASS Item</i>
Student wellbeing program & services	\$32 <i>Booklist Item</i>
First aid equipment, upkeep, maintenance, and replacement of supplies e.g., emergency EpiPens, bandages, wheelchair, tissues, cold/heat packs, Defibrillator etc.	\$27 <i>Booklist Item</i>
Student and Parent communication tool- COMPASS	\$32 <i>Booklist Item</i>
Locker provision and maintenance	\$32 <i>Booklist Item</i>
School Sports Victoria affiliation and membership	\$17 <i>Booklist Item</i>
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure, in 2024 the focus will be on improving the science facilities. Suggested amount \$200</i>	\$200 <i>COMPASS Item</i>
Library fund. <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, purchase of books and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested amount \$250</i>	\$250 <i>COMPASS Item</i>

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.