

Dear parent/guardian,

Bannockburn P-12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bannockburn College's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 provide a wider offering of special curriculum experiences for all students and purchase valuable resources for student use in the Learning Communities e.g. musical instruments, books for classroom libraries, National Geographic Resources/Class Sets and other educational resources.

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

Yours sincerely,



George Porter
Principal



Justine Resta
College Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper \$20.00 • Mathematics – numeracy blocks \$12.00 • English – book boxes \$12.00 • Sports – equipment \$16.00 	\$60.00
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decodable Readers Australia \$10.00 	\$10.00
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport 	\$15.00
Total Amount	\$85.00

Bring Your Own Device for Learning (BYOD)

From 2027, the Victorian Government will introduce new rules about the use of digital devices for students in Prep to Year 6.

Under these changes:

- Schools will no longer ask families to buy their own digital devices for students in Prep to Year 6
- There will be new guidelines for how long students use devices each day, including very limited time for Prep to Year 2 and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for Years 3 to 6

What this means for our College:

- From 2026 families will no longer be required to purchase a BYOD device for students entering Years 3 -6
- In 2026 students in Years 3 - 6 who are already using their own device can continue to bring it to school if they wish.
- From 2027, our current BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program for Years 3 to 6 will end. The College will instead provide access to digital devices for students to use during school hours.
- Students with disability who require a digital device as a reasonable adjustment will continue to be supported and are not affected by this change.
- Years 7 – 12 will remain the same under the current BYOD program

Educational items for students to own (cont.)

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from a third-party provider of your choice for your child to individually own and use. Please bring all stationery items to school at the beginning of the year and your child's homegroup teacher will store them.

Please note: The College has negotiated with WINC to source the best possible prices for the items listed below. If you would like to order through their Direct to Parent Portal, you are welcome to or alternatively you can source the items from a provider of your choice.

Student Stationery List – Year 3 2026	
Purchased from a third-party supplier of your choice	
1	Reading Trek Years K-4 Home Reader Diary
5	Exercise Book A4, 18mm dotted thirds, 96 pages
3	Premium Project Book 335mm x 245mm Plain 18mm dotted thirds, 64 Page 70gsm
2	Exercise Book A4 10mm Grid, 96 pages
1	Megaspace Scrapbook 335x245mm, 64 pages
1	Lead Pencils 2B Box of 12
8	Glue Stick (large)
1	Eraser
4	Whiteboard Marker Bullet Black
1	Mini Whiteboard Wiper 70 x 40 x 15mm
1	Connector Markers (pkt 12)
1	Coloured Pencils (pkt12)
1	Twistable Crayons (pkt 12)
1	Highlighters chisel tip – 4 pk
1	Sharpener (2 hole)
1	Ruler (30cm, wooden)
1	Scissors (6 inch, rounded tip)
1	Pencil Case (large)
1	Headphones for iPad (No Bluetooth. No AirPods as per College policy. Must plug into device)
1	Clipboard Clear (retain from previous year)
2	Plastic Document Wallet
1	Display Book A4 Refillable 20 Pocket Clear Front
1	Charlottes Web E.B. White 1 st Edn

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Bannockburn 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.

The College will communicate this information separately to families prior to the activity along with full details of the cost. Listed below are some examples of Extra-Curricular Items and Activities that you may wish to purchase for your child. The amount quoted is an approximate* cost only.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Activities for Selected Small Groups e.g. Sporting Teams	\$15.00*	
Optional Excursions/Incursions e.g. Life Education	\$15.00*	
Optional Year 3 Camp	\$400.00*	
Optional School Photos (Cost set by Arthur Reed & ordered through their online parent portal)	N/A	
Private Music Tuition – Instrument or Voice Lessons. Cost set by the private teachers	\$35.00 (per 30min Session)	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (eligibility criteria applies)
- State Schools' Relief
- Payment Plans for Extra Curricular Items & Activities
- Community Support Programs

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

Fran Dillon (Business Manager) or Mandie Jervies (Administration) at the College Office -






Ph: 03 5281 1755 | Email: Bannockburn.p12@education.vic.gov.au

Total

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

Payment methods

Bannockburn College is committed to providing a range of options for parents to make payments as convenient as possible. Compass is our preferred payment and consent method; however, we understand that some families would like other payment options and these options are still available;

Compass 	Log in to Compass	Navigate to Course Confirmation/Payments and select the contribution/s you would like to pay
EFTPOS, Credit Card or Cash In person 	Cash, EFTPOS or credit cards are accepted.	Please pay at the College Office
Phone 	You may phone the Administration Office and pay using your credit card *We do not accept American Express or Diners	Phone: 5281 1755 with your credit card handy and details of contribution/s you would like to pay
BPAY 	Log in directly through your internet, mobile or phone banking	Biller Code: 87361 Ref: Please contact us for your Reference Number or check your statement
Centrelink 	Centrelink (a free bill paying service arranged through Centrelink)	Please contact Centrelink to set up any voluntary contributions you would like to pay

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.