

# YEAR 7 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2026



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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 Parent Payment request for 2026. We would very much appreciate your prompt payment of the curriculum contributions.

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. Last year your donations helped many students experience their best possible start to life at Buckley Park College. Thank you to the many families whose donations made that possible.

## **Upgrades across the 2025 school year include:**

In 2025, the college continued refurbishing spaces in our A, C and D block. Carpets were replaced in A & D block and painting was refreshed in the C block locker bays and corridors. The college also replaced numerous window coverings and blinds in classrooms.

Additionally, the college refurbished our communal spaces in the Foyer and B Block making collaboration easier and the front reception area more welcoming.

## **In 2026 we will be focusing our attention on:**

In 2026, the college will focus on modernising its remaining spaces, including painting, recarpeting, furnishing, and window shading. Alongside our Capital Works Project, our Building Fund will work towards minor projects, in particularly focusing on the Performing Arts Centre.

## **Payment Process and closing dates for excursions and Activities on Compass**

Cut off dates for payment and consent on Compass are set by the school to assist us in meeting our financial and duty of care requirements for each event. In support of meeting these obligations we will not extend due dates for events or take late payments. Families will receive a notification when an event is published and will be reminded by their classroom teachers about events and when payment and consent must be received. If payment or consent is not received by the due date, your child will be excluded from the activity and will be supervised by teachers at school.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Harold Cheung*  
Principal

*Christopher Wood*  
School Council President

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## PARENT PAYMENT REQUEST 2026

Buckley Park College's School Council aspire to provide our children with a world-class education and in keeping with our school motto, the important role the school plays in nurturing the academic and personal development that prepares young people for successful and happy futures. The financial support of families is one of the key factors underpinning the success and quality of the schools wide ranging academic and co-curricular programs.

For Quick and easy payment click [here](#) to proceed to the Compass portal and select "Payment Centre"

Curriculum Contributions – Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum		
Item	Specifications	Amount
Academic Materials & Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom Consumables: <b>To be purchased on the booklist</b></li> <li>Student Printing Credit \$25</li> </ul>	\$25
Information Technology and Online Learning Subscriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upkeep and Maintenance of ICT Devices, Provision of consumable technology equipment and resources, as well as hard/software. This includes access to school software that is available or deemed necessary by the school.</li> </ul>	\$50
Enhanced Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 Incursions and Events (School Based): may include guest speakers, incursions &amp; workshops</li> </ul>	\$150
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wellbeing Incursions</li> </ul>	\$35

Other Contributions – For non-curriculum items and activities		
Item	Specifications	Amount
Non-Curricular activities/items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Aid Equipment and maintenance \$30</li> <li>Compass Student and parent communication Tool \$50</li> <li>Locker Maintenance, Provision and Upgrades \$35</li> <li>School Sports Victoria \$16</li> <li>Wellbeing programs \$35</li> <li>Cyclical Carpet &amp; Painting upgrades \$65</li> <li>Year 7 Activities: barbeques etc \$50</li> <li>Career Tools website: Career Journey \$11</li> </ul>	\$292
	<b>School grounds maintenance and improvements</b> <i>This allows for the employment of our Maintenance staff and service providers, additional equipment to maintain lawns, turf, gardens and paths. While this is a voluntary contribution, we do ask you to contribute, as it does greatly add to the enhancement of the services that the school can provide.</i>	\$150

Tax Deductible Contributions		
Building Fund	School Council has called on these tax-deductible donations to undertake building works, building maintenance, purchase of major capital items and installation of infrastructure throughout the school. This work is generally not funded through the State Government budget process. There is still more to be done, and your tax-deductible contribution will assist us with this ongoing work. We will continue to improve many facilities in the school to provide the best possible learning environment and experience for our students.	\$250 or other amount \$ _____
Library Fund	School Council has called on these tax-deductible donations to support renovations, upgrades of shelving, purchase of books and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$250 or other amount \$ _____

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## 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 – Items or activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students		Amount
<b>School yearbook: The Benalta</b> Please pay by End of Term 2, Friday 26 June 2026 to allow for ordering.		\$24
<b>2026 School Production: <i>High School Musical</i></b> Involvement in the School Production. Includes: Costume, equipment, specialist technician and premises hire, makeup, props, script and score hire		\$50
<b>Instrumental Music Program</b> (Fees are non-refundable. Refer to the Instrumental Music Handbook page 14) Annual Fees are payable by 20/02/2026 via Compass – equates to approx. \$25/lesson for Small Group Music Lessons. To register your interest in music lessons or for further information please contact <b>Melissa Truman</b> <a href="mailto:tm@buckleyparkco.vic.edu.au">tm@buckleyparkco.vic.edu.au</a>	<b>Small Group Music Lessons</b>	\$800
	<b>Music Lessons for 2<sup>nd</sup> Instrument (Optional)</b>	\$400
	<b>Individual Music Lessons: PIANO ONLY in 2026</b> For those students with approved requests for the individual tuition.	\$1000
	<b>Piano lessons as 2<sup>nd</sup> Instrument</b>	\$600
	<b>Ensemble Only</b>	\$200
<b>Instrument Hire</b> - Includes instrument repairs and maintenance		\$200
<b>Camps and Excursions Program 2026-</b> Variable cost per activity		Variable Cost
<b>Interschool Sports Program 2026</b> - Variable cost per activity		Variable Cost
<b>STEAM Academy</b> Select entry program commencing in 2026, applications have now closed		\$2500

## 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: **Sarah Goodwin – Welfare Coordinator** Email: [buckley.park.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:buckley.park.co@education.vic.gov.au)

## Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested curricular contributions are 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) For Instrumental Music Program, Refer to the Instrumental Music Handbook (page 14)

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## PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

The school council has developed the 2026 parent payments in line with the relevant policy settings. A copy of the Parent Payment Policy is available on our Compass Portal in School Documentation and on our school website.



### 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.