

12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Bendigo South East College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bendigo South East College's Parent Payment arrangements for 2025.

Please find the fee schedule for **Year 7** attached.

**2025 School fees will be visible and available for payment on COMPASS from 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.**  
**Please complete payment via our online platform - COMPASS** by *Monday, 27th January 2025*, so the school can prepare accordingly.

Flexible payment plan arrangements are available for families experiencing financial difficulty. To discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact our Business Manager, James Bennett, on 03 5443 4522 or [james.bennett@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.bennett@education.vic.gov.au)

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all standard curriculum 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. This will make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, this support has allowed us to:

- Provide each student the same laptop with pre-loaded software for the smooth transition of the school curriculum.
- IT Support Staff to support enhanced digital learning opportunities
- Improved WiFi, internet and online communication avenues
- A wider offering of elective subjects and additional curriculum needs
- The upgrade of the school Performing Arts Auditorium
- The upgrade of the school Sports Stadium
- Improved gender-neutral facilities
- Upgrade the Library Loan System
- Additional Sunsafe facilities

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

Yours sincerely,



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### EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN

The booklist which guides you on the everyday items your child will use in the classroom can be accessed online at [www.edplus.com.au](http://www.edplus.com.au). The Year 7 Login code is **BSEC1725Y** and the booklist should be completed online by **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

Select the items you require, fill in the STUDENT'S details then 'Place Order'. You will then receive a confirmation email. If you fail to receive a confirmation email, please contact Education Plus on 54478588 to make sure your booklist has been submitted. You may choose to purchase these items through Education Plus or provide your own.

### FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 7

Please find the itemised list of Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra Curricular Items and Activities for your child. **2025 School fees will be visible and available for payment on COMPASS from 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**. Please complete payment via COMPASS by **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025** so the school can prepare accordingly.

#### PLEASE RETAIN THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum #	Amount
<b>IT Services</b> <i>Helpdesk Support            Classroom Digital Presentation Upgrades &amp; Maintenance (TV's &amp; Projectors)            Student Short Term Loan Devices            3<sup>rd</sup> Party Student Management Software: Inc Infinity Library, Zendesk, Compass</i>	\$100.00
<b>Netbook Computer Lease</b> <i>Laptop Program Lease funds the purchase of student laptops, insurance cover, extended warranty, fleet management software.</i>	\$350.00
<b>Student Diary</b>	\$11.00
<b>Elective – Arts Taster Program</b> <i>Taster Music Program            Use of shared materials in class: Paper, specialist papers, specialist fine liners, texters, oil pastels, acrylic paint, watercolour paints, paint brushes, guillotine, lino materials, colour paper, charcoal.</i>	\$45.00
<b>Elective - (Technology Subjects)</b> <i>This fee covers ingredients, condiments and garnishes for Foods and take home projects for Textiles, Digital Technologies, Woods and Metals.</i>	\$60.00
<b>Whole College Sports Carnivals</b> <i>Bus Travel \$15 &amp; Pool Entry Fees \$5</i>	\$20.00
<b>Science</b> <i>Practical Lesson Resources and Materials</i>	\$10.00
<b>English &amp; Maths</b> <i>English and Maths Essential Assessments</i>	\$16.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$612.20</b>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<b>Voluntary Levy</b>	\$50.00
Tax deductible contributions	
<b>College Council Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</b>	\$50.00

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Bendigo South East 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 note the below and complete payment in Compass by **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<p><b><i>Essence Magazine</i></b>            BSE will introduce a Digital Magazine in 2025. The Digital Magazine will be at no cost to families. However, a hardcopy magazine will still be available to purchase as an optional 'opt in' item.            The price of hardcopy magazines will depend on the volume of orders. We anticipate the cost will be between \$25 and \$45. Further information about the hardcopy option and how to order will be distributed early in 2025.</p>	Digital - \$0 Hard Copy - \$TBA
<p><b><i>Howqua Camp</i></b>            Year 7 Camp runs in March. This is an all-inclusive cost for the camp: transport, food, accommodation and camp activities</p>	\$400.00
<p><b><i>Academy of Creative Arts (ACA – Specialist Program)</i></b>            External coaching sessions, polo top, breakfast supplements</p>	\$1,400.00
<p><b><i>Academy of Creative Arts (ACA – Band only)</i></b>            External coaching sessions, polo top, breakfast supplements</p>	\$620.00
<p><b><i>Athlete Development Program - Full Enrolment or Associate Program with Squad</i></b>            Strength and Conditioning Coaching and Technical Squad Coaching, venue hire, equipment, affiliations.</p>	\$1,400.00
<p><b><i>Athlete Development Program – Associate Program</i></b>            Strength and Conditioning Coaching</p>	\$550.00
<p><b><i>Instrument Hire (Only Students hiring an Instrument)</i></b></p>	\$140.00
<p><b><i>Percussion Levy (Students RECEIVING tuition at school)</i></b>            Tuition, Tutor Book, Percussion Hire, Competition Entries, supply &amp; maintenance of equipment</p>	\$400.00
<p><b><i>Percussion Levy (Students NOT RECEIVING tuition at school)</i></b>            Tutor Book, Percussion Hire, Competition Entries, supply &amp; maintenance of equipment</p>	\$115.00
<p><b><i>Woodwind/Brass/Strings/Voice/Guitar Levy (Students RECEIVING tuition at school)</i></b>            Tuition, Tutor Book, Competition Entries, supply &amp; maintenance of equipment</p>	\$400.00
<p><b><i>Woodwind/Brass/Strings Levy (Students NOT RECEIVING tuition at school)</i></b>            Tutor Book, Competition Entries, supply &amp; maintenance of equipment</p>	\$115.00

## PAYMENT METHODS

### **The key method of payment will be via the Compass online portal.**

Many may be familiar with this program through their primary school or other schools, however, your unique BSE login (& Password), together with training and other supporting information will be communicated to all families. For those unable to access the portal, please contact the Bendigo South East College office.

PLEASE DO NOT PAY VIA BPAY OR DIRECT DEBIT.

## REFUNDS

Bendigo South East College provides for the refund of charges that have been paid by parents/guardians or students, for activities in the following circumstances:

- an excursion/incursion has been cancelled
- the cost of an activity was over-estimated
- a subject change has resulted in a lower charge
- there has been an overpayment and
- where there has been a duplicated payment

## OTHER RESOURCES

- Department of Education & Training – [Parent Payments](#)
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – [CSEF Flyer](#)
- State Schools' Relief - [Uniform](#)

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief
- Welfare and support agencies that provide further assistance to students and their families. For e.g. Anglicare, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Co-ordination with local support organisations.
- School Savings Bonus 2025 – the State Government has committed to provide all students with a \$400 online voucher, which can be used for certain school items, texts and uniforms. Further information will be emailed directly to parents.

BSE exercises sensitivity to the differing financial circumstances of individual students and their families. The establishment of Payment Plans can be arranged.

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

James Bennett - Business Manager  
Ph: 03 5443 4522  
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James will also be available for discussions during the Ready to Learn Conferences on 29<sup>th</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.