

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 8** 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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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 with 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 to 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,



**Glen Donald**  
Principal



**Ron Lowe**  
School Council President

### 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 8** Login code is **BSEC1825Q** 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 5447 8588 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 8

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
<i>IT Services</i> Helpdesk Support Classroom Digital Presentation Upgrades & Maintenance (TV's & Projectors) Student Short Term Loan Devices 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Student Management Software: Inc Infinity Library, Zendesk, Compass & Essential Assessments	\$100.00
<i>Netbook Computer Lease</i> Laptop Program Lease funds the purchase of student laptops, insurance cover, extended warranty, fleet management software.	\$350.00
<i>Student Diary</i>	\$11.00
<i>Whole College Sports Carnivals</i> Bus Travel \$15 Pool Entry Fees \$5	\$20.00
<i>Science</i> Practical Lesson Resources and Materials	\$10.00
<i>English &amp; Maths</i> English and Maths Essential Assessments	\$16.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$507.20</b>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Voluntary Levy</i>	\$50.00
<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<i>College Council Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>	\$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>Essence Magazine</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>	<p>Digital - \$0.00 Hard Copy - \$TBA</p>
<p><b>Arts – Visual</b></p> <p>Use of specialist and consumable materials in class: Papers, fine liners, texters, oil pastels, acrylic paint, watercolour paint, paint brushes, guillotine, lino materials, coloured paper, charcoal</p>	\$30.00
<p><b>Arts – Sculpture</b></p> <p>Consumable materials for projects include: Modelling wire, mode rock/plaster, clay/glazers</p>	\$35.00
<p><b>Technologies – Materials (Wood &amp; Metals)</b></p> <p>This fee includes the cost of your take home project, fittings and fixings and workbooks.</p>	\$65.00
<p><b>Technologies – Food Studies</b></p> <p>This fee covers Ingredients required (take home) and consumable condiments and garnishes as well as workbooks.</p>	\$65.00
<p><b>Technologies – Digi Tech</b></p> <p>Your Digital Technologies class fees directly support hands-on learning experiences with state-of-the-art resources.</p>	\$30.00
<p><b>Technologies – Textiles</b></p> <p>This fee covers the take home projects, including consumable haberdashery, paints and dyes and workbooks.</p>	\$50.00
<p><b>Technologies – STEM</b></p> <p>Your STEM class fees provides essential resources for immersive hands-on projects, supporting electric car kits.</p>	\$60.00
<p><b>Technologies – Product Development</b></p> <p>This fee includes the use of 3D printing materials, laser cutting plywood and acrylic, and Workbooks for product development.</p>	\$45.00

<i>Academy of Creative Arts (ACA – Specialist Program)</i> External coaching sessions, polo top, breakfast supplements	\$1,400.00
<i>Academy of Creative Arts (ACA – Band only)</i> External coaching sessions, polo top, breakfast supplements	\$620.00
<i>Athlete Development Program – Full Enrolment or Associate Program with Squad</i> Strength and Conditioning Coaching and Technical Squad Coaching, venue hire, equipment, affiliations	\$1,400.00
<i>Athlete Development Program – Associate Program</i> Strength and Conditioning Coaching	\$550.00
<i>Instrument Hire (Only Students hiring an Instrument)</i>	\$140.00
<i>Percussion Levy (Students RECEIVING tuition at school)</i> Tuition, Tutor Book, Percussion Hire, Competition Entries, supply & maintenance of equipment	\$400.00
<i>Percussion Levy (Students NOT RECEIVING tuition at school)</i> Tutor Book, Percussion Hire, Competition Entries, supply & maintenance of equipment	\$115.00
<i>Woodwind/Brass/Strings/Voice/Guitar Levy (Students RECEIVING tuition at school)</i> Tuition, Tutor Book, Competition Entries, supply & maintenance of equipment	\$400.00
<i>Woodwind/Brass/Strings Levy (Students NOT RECEIVING tuition at school)</i> Tutor Book, Competition Entries, supply & maintenance of equipment	\$115.00

Please see more below

## PAYMENT METHODS

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

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

Email: [james.bennett@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.bennett@education.vic.gov.au)

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.