

Year 8 2026
Parent Payments



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning at Beaumaris Secondary College and would like to advise you of the college's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum requirements, 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.

Beaumaris Secondary College and School Council make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents, by reviewing costs on an annual basis.

The monumental financial support from our parents has allowed us to purchase and provide:

- Equipment to run a wide range of specialism subjects and curriculum experiences
- Music equipment speakers, DJ controller and mixer for use in Music across all year levels and at College Assemblies
- House marquees for Athletics, Swimming and other House events
- Community garden supplies
- Fab Lab 3D printer lease
- Media laptop lease
- Class set of Jacaranda books
- BEST labs Fish tank and insects
- Lunchtime clubs Board games and resources
- Community Connections Program events
- Study skills session
- Micro-credentials Week activities (subsidisation of family costs)
- Transportation costs to enable student involvement in community events such as Disability
 Sports Day and local primary school activities, as well as covering costs for students from local primary schools to attend our College Production matinee.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please refer to the one-page document at the end of this booklet.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Bourbon Principal Warwick Sassman
School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or par access the Curriculum	ticipate in, to	Amount	
Year 8 subject consumables, classroom materials and activities	<u>Amount</u>		
BEST – Laboratory equipment and dissection items	\$30.00		
Communicate and Relate – Resource materials	\$NIL		
Create Performance & Music – Sound trap licenses and equipment	\$28.00		
Create Visual – Inks, canvas boards, papers and card for printing and	\$50.00		
sculpture			
Food Technology – Cooking materials and equipment upkeep	\$35.00	\$236.00	
GOAL – Resource materials for termly based activities	\$ 8.00		
Healthy Lifestyle – Resource materials	\$17.00		
Innovate – 3D printing materials	\$35.00		
Languages – Resource materials and Japanese cooking supplies	\$15.00		
Mathematics – PBL building blocks	\$ 8.00		
Our World – Resource materials and supplies	\$10.00		
Student Resources		Ć45.00	
 Year 8 Student ID Card (\$5) and Locker Maintenance (\$10) 		\$15.00	
Digital Technologies – provision of devices, software and system support		\$155.00	
Compass Access (\$42), Library Systems (\$5), IT Security & Support (\$108)			
Year 8 printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials		\$55.00	
Total Curriculum Contributions		\$461.00	

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Curriculum Innovate	\$200.00
First Aid Equipment	\$10.00
School Connected Charitable Causes	\$50.00
Total Other Contributions	\$260.00

Tax deductible contributions (suggested amount) Suggested amount parents to complete in Compass portal	Amount
Building Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$50.00
Library Fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$50.00
Total Tax-deductible Contributions	\$100.00
Total Curriculum and Other Contributions	\$821.00



Education items for students to own

Booklists: Families will receive a separate booklist of items that the school recommends you purchase from Beaumaris Books or the Sustainable School Shop for your child to individually own and use.

https://beaumarissc.vic.edu.au/enrolments-tours/booklists-stationery

BYOD: Beaumaris Secondary College is a BYOD school. Students are requested to purchase a device that meets the criteria listed on the College website.

https://beaumarissc.vic.edu.au/enrolments-tours/byod-program

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

Beaumaris Secondary 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Indicative Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Indicative Amount
Athletics Carnival	\$20.00
Swimming Carnival	\$20.00
2025 Year 8 Camp	\$500.00
BEST – Ricketts Point and Snorkeling Excursion	\$100.00
BEST – Zoo Excursion	\$70.00
Create Performance and Music – Incursion	\$40.00
GOAL – Wellbeing Day	\$50.00
Healthy Lifestyle – Fitness Testing	\$20.00
Our World – Excursion	\$50.00
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (not including Year 8 Interschool Sports Program or Instrumental Music Program)	\$870.00

Year 8 Interschool Sports Program, Instrumental Music & HAWK Program

Year 8 Interschool Sports Program – Opportunities offered per term will be charged on a termly basis	\$0 - 200
Instrumental Music Program – Refer to website for Instrumental Music Handbook	Price on enquiry
Higher Abilities Wider Knowledge (HAWK Program) – Offered to selected students	\$20.00



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Category	Total Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$461.00
Other Contributions	\$260.00
Tax-deductible Contributions	\$100.00
Total	\$821.00

Pay as you go – Extra-curricular Items and Activities \$870.00

To be paid via Compass throughout the year

Payment Options

Payment options available commencing 2 February 2026:

- In full \$821.00
- 5 monthly instalments of \$164.20
- 10 fortnightly instalments of \$82.10

The college will be utilising the Compass Billing module for payments, instructions can be found on the following pages.

If you are unable to use Compass, please contact the office on 03 8569 9200 to discuss alternative payment options.

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools' Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for extra-curricular items and activities

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

Justine MacDonald, Business Manager

Ph: 03 8569 9200 | Email: beaumaris.sc@education.vic.gov.au

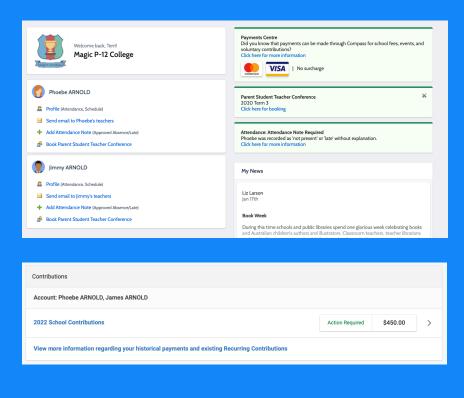
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School Fees & Contributions
Parent Guide

A step by step guide to take you through paying your school contributions through the Compass Portal.

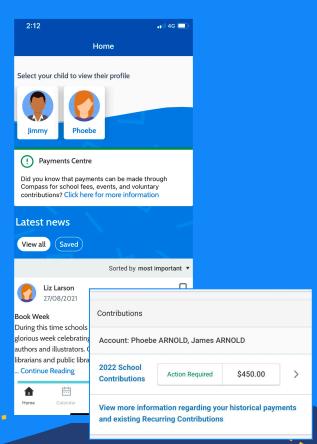
Web Browser

Click the 'Payment Centre' Banner from your Home Page to access your Contributions.



Compass App

Select Payments Centre from your Home Page.







1. Description, Agreements & Questions

The first thing you'll see is your school's customised description, detailing information about contributions.

Clicking through, you may be prompted to fill out any Agreements & Questions that are relevant to your student and their enrolment.

Dear Parents and Carers.

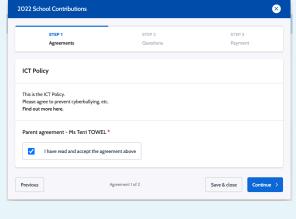
Our School is proud to offer a range of exemplary curricular and co-curricular programs to students across the school. While the Victorian Government supplies most of the schools funding, this is not sufficient to meet all the costs of the schools programs. All schools are dependent on locally sixed funds to supplement government funding for curriculum programs, school services and resources. Locally raised funds in the form of parent contributions are essential for the operation of the schools extended learning program, specialist staff and the provision of additional equipment.

Parent Payment Policy

The Department of Education and Training (DET) Parent Payment Policy provides advice on the different types of payments that schools may request from parents and outlines the procedures and protocols to which schools must adhere. The High School Council is responsible for developing and approving a school-level parent payment arrangement that is compliant with the Department's policy. The Olipoi is available the https://www.2-duccation.vic.gov.au/palgavent-payment/policy or a hard copy is available on request from the general office.

The Principal and the Business Manager are available if you wish to discuss any matters concerning payment. The High School Council cells upon and thanks you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Principal

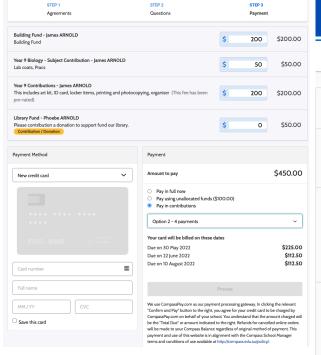


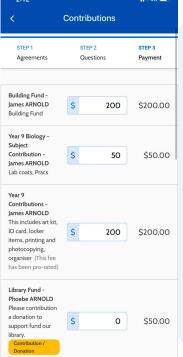


2. Paying your Contributions

Next, you'll see the contributions your school has posted against your student/s.

From here, you may have a few different items to choose from, broken down by student and fee type. As each item is voluntary, you can choose the amount you'd like to pay today. Next time you access your Contributions, the amounts available to pay will have decreased.





Payment Options

1. Credit Card/Saved Card

Just like an Event, pay the chosen amount in one go.

2. Payment Plan

Choose from your school's preset options to setup a direct debit.

3. Credits/Unallocated Funds

If you see this option, your school has applied a credit against your account.

The amount you're choosing to pay here will need to equal the credit amount.

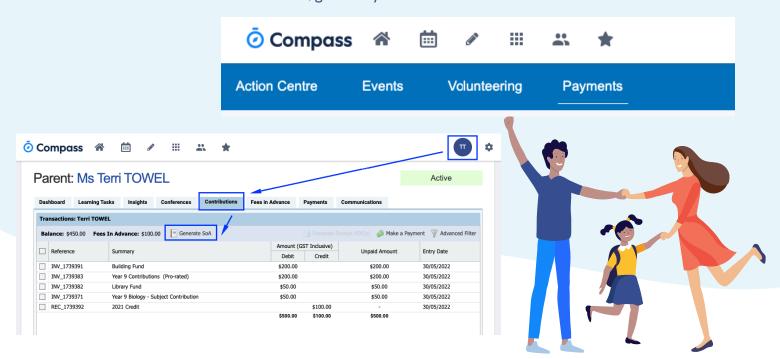


3. Accessing your Payment History

Each time you make a payment through Compass, you'll receive a receipt straight to your email address.

Within the portal, you can also access your Payment History through Payments Centre.

To generate a **Statement of Account PDF**, simply navigate to your parent account via your initials in the top right, and select the Contributions tab. From here, generate your SoA.



Handy Tips & Tricks

- Chip away at your Contributions as you please!
 You can access your Compass App at anytime to see what's been paid, and choose to pay more if required.
- ✓ Keep all your Events and Contributions in one spot.
 No need to jump between multiple programs and paper forms it's all in Compass!
- ✓ Manage your own Payment History in-app, without having to call up the Admin Office!

 Automated emails and downloadable statements make it even easier to know what's been paid.



REFUND POLICY

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. This applies in all circumstances including illness with a medical certificate.

Any refund requests must be made in writing to the Office.

Advice regarding refunds will be provided once all suppliers have been paid and reconciliations have been completed. Please note that this could take approximately 30 days.

Approval and review

Beaumaris Secondary College Council has approved this policy and will review the policy in line with any future changes to Government policy and Beaumaris College objectives annually.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last approved by school council in April 2025 and is scheduled for review in April 2026.

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.

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