

November 2023



Dear parent/guardian,

*Baimbridge College* is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Baimbridge College's* voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 financially supporting or volunteering, this supports our Year 7 & 8 Hubs, *extensive opportunities in the middle years programs, the wider offering of subjects, special curriculum experiences, VET Certificates and enhanced digital learning opportunities.*

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

Yours sincerely,

Warwick Price  
Principal

Lucinda Peterson  
School Council President---



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**We would also like to inform you of the many ways you can support your School Community:**

**If you are able to support/contribute, please allocate by ticking the box(es) and return to the office, or emailing the school email: [Baimbridge.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Baimbridge.co@education.vic.gov.au)**

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|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| School Council       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Camps/Excursion Volunteering  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School Functions     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hub Reading/Classroom Support | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Canteen Volunteering | Preparation              | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                          |
|                      | Serving Recess/Lunch     | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                          |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Baimbridge College

Year 7 Curriculum Contributions	Amount
	\$500.00
<i>Year 7 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</li> <li>• Food Tech – food, for cooking</li> <li>• Science – chemicals/pracs</li> <li>• Health and Physical Education – equipment &amp; Health Books</li> <li>• Technology – Wood</li> <li>• Technology – Metal</li> </ul>	\$330.00
<i>Student resources</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diary including The Resilience Project workbook \$30</li> <li>• Locker Lock &amp; use \$75</li> <li>• Student ID Card \$5</li> </ul>	\$110.00
<i>Yr 7 online subscriptions: Ed Perfect, Mathletics &amp; Jacaranda to be paid through Champion Portal \$122.49</i>	
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20.00
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics &amp; Swimming carnivals \$20</li> <li>• EOYP activities &amp; transport to Warrnambool \$20</li> </ul>	\$40.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

Tax deductible contributions	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support much needed upgrades to the Creative Arts Centre . Suggest \$50	\$[parent to complete]

### Educational items for students to own

Baimbridge College recommends you purchase from the list below for your child to individually own and use.

Uniform: Accurate Clothing Company

Booklists: Slades Newsagency - Stationery & English Texts, Online Subscriptions & packages: Champion

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

Baimbridge 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 via Compass.*

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School magazine/yearbook	\$25.00
School Presentation Ball (Yr 11 & Yr 12) approx. \$200 TBC	TBA
Camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA
Yr 7 Camp approx. \$300 TBC	
Yr 8 Camp approx. \$350 TBC	
Yr 9 Melb Experience \$400 TBC	
Yr 9 School For Leadership (application entry only) \$1200 TBC	
Yr 11/12 – Uni Trip approx. \$300 TBC	
Outdoor Education Excursions : range \$80 - \$400 TBC	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$TBA</b>

### Financial Support for Families

Baimbridge 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 (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities: Centrepay, Compass Pay, Bpay

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

Sharon Donehue – Business Manager - Ph: 03 55722788 | Email: Sharon.Donehue@education.vic.gov.au

**Payment methods:** Eftpos, CompassPay, Centrepay, Bpay, Direct Deposit

### 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.*

### Yr 7 - 12 breakdown:

2024 Parent Payments	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Curriculum Contributions	\$330.00	\$325.00	\$365.00	\$365.00	\$325.00	\$325.00
Other Curriculum Contributions	\$130.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Sport/Local Ex & EOYP(\$20)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$420.00</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
Magazine (optional)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
VET Certificates from:				\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00

# 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.