

Parent Payments Year 9 2023

17 November 2022

Dear parent/guardian,

Blackburn High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Blackburn High School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard 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. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider range of subjects and enhanced curriculum, wider digital learning opportunities, faster WIFI and internet, upgrade of our facilities and grounds, installation of new bike sheds and locker bays and equipping our new STEM Centre (opening 2023).

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

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Alexander, Principal

Geoff Hugo, School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom Consumables, materials and equipment upkeep</i>	\$110
<i>Digital technologies - provision of devices, software, and system support - \$32</i> <i>The following programs are provided in lieu of textbooks for every student at a cost of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Languages – Education Perfect - \$30 each • Maths – Maths Pathways - \$70 each 	\$132
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport - \$15 • Swimming carnival – entry and transport - \$15 	\$30
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$292

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$11
<i>Student and parent communication tools – Xuno</i>	\$20
<i>Student wellbeing programs and mentor group activities</i>	\$20
<i>First aid equipment and consumables</i>	\$15
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$100
<i>Upkeep of specialised facilities (eg gym equipment, musical instruments)</i>	\$30
Total Other Contributions	\$196

Tax deductible contributions	
<p>Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure – Donations most welcome</p> <p>Suggested amount - \$150 \$200 \$300 Other \$_____</p> <p>Tax deductible receipt will be issued</p>	<p>[Parent to complete]</p> <p>\$_____</p>

Educational items for students to own

New

The third-party providers that the school recommends you purchase items from for your child to individually own and use are:

- Books – Campion
- Uniforms - Dobsons

The booklist and the uniform list, as well as contact details are available on our website.

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Second-hand trading

We also offer the option for buying and selling Second-hand Uniforms, Textbooks and other items. Visit www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au for further details

School run shop for donated second-hand uniforms

We offer second-hand uniforms in our school-run shop at very reasonable prices. Donations of good quality clean uniforms are welcome.

Contact Andrea.julien@education.vic.gov.au or 8804 6406 for opening times.

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

Blackburn High School 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 approximate amounts based on 2022 costs. Please note that these may be subject to change.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>School magazine/yearbook</i>	\$20
<i>Academic Competitions – ranging from \$4 to \$9 per entry</i>	\$9
<i>Year 9 City Experience – Usually held in the first week of December</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Various options for daily activities are offered each day</i>	\$127
<i>Excursions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Various subject excursions throughout the year to be confirmed</i>	TBC
<i>Duke of Edinburgh students</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Bronze Registration Fee</i><i>Wilson's Promontory Camp Semester 1</i> <i>Or</i><i>Great Ocean Road Camp Semester 2</i>	\$175 \$351 \$508
<i>Interschool Sport – per event – includes cost of transport</i>	\$18
Instrumental Music Lessons – These prices are confirmed for 2023	
<i>Instrumental Music Lessons – per year</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Group Lessons (includes ensemble)</i><i>Individual Lessons (includes ensemble)</i><i>Group Lessons for second instrument</i><i>Ensemble only (for students having lessons outside of school)</i><i>Second Ensemble</i><i>Instrument Hire</i>	\$915 \$1600 \$365 \$450 \$500 \$380

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Financial Support for Families

Blackburn High School 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

Andrea Julien Ph: 03 8804 6406 Email: andrea.julien@education.vic.gov.au

Total Contributions

Category	Total
<i>Curriculum Contributions</i>	\$292
<i>Other Contributions</i>	\$196
<i>BHS Building Fund donation</i> (Tax-deductible)	<i>[parent to complete]</i> \$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Will be invoiced separately via Xuno throughout the year

Payment methods

Payment can be made through the Xuno Parent Portal or directly to the school via credit card or cash at the General Office. If you are **not** paying via Xuno, please return a copy of this completed form with your payment.

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.

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) 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.