



BRIGHTON
SECONDARY COLLEGE

December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Brighton Secondary College is looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 Brighton Secondary College can deliver programs and experiences beyond the 'standard curriculum' to ensure the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for your contributions in 2024.

- For further information on school funding school please refer to the letter provided by our School Council [click here](#).

In 2025 BSC is asking for contributions of approximately \$425 per term / \$1700 per year (on average as course selections vary). This amount **includes** extra-curricular or 'Optional activities' such as school incursions, excursions and initiatives such as last weeks 'Activities Week'.

This amount **excludes** the cost of year level camps, Outdoor Education camps and other optional interstate and overseas tours.

Instrumental Music and the BSC Basketball Academy

Instrumental Music tuition and the BSC Basketball Academy are additional educational programs offered by the school for students. These are accessed on a 'user pays' basis and further information on how to enrol will be provided via Compass.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anne Stout
Interim Principal

Asaf Harel
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.	Amount Annually, or	Amount Per Term
Subject consumables, classroom materials, subscriptions, technology, whole school sports, events and activities.	\$800	\$200
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	Amount Annually, or	Amount Per Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">IT infrastructure, equipment and supportClassroom furniture and technologyImprovements to the learning environment including classroom, sporting, performing, study and exam spaces.Building and grounds maintenance and improvementsFirst aid staffing and resources	\$400	\$100
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Incursions, Excursions, Camps, 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. IMPORTANT: In 2025 we encourage you to include the contribution for these items as part of your overall annual or termly contribution via Compass. This will allow the school to plan more effectively and avoid the need to ask you for payment as each activity occurs throughout the year.	Amount Annually, or	Amount Per Term
Incursions, Excursions, Activities, special events, associated consumables, materials, and transport.	\$500	\$125
Overnight Camps: Year Level, Specialist Subjects Camps (Outdoor Education) and Interstate or Overseas camps.	TBA in 2025	



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Instrumental Music, Songwriting and Sound Production 2025

At Brighton Secondary College, weekly music lessons are available for students on a user-pays basis and we strongly encourage all students to participate. A link to register for the program or find out more will be shared via Compass.

Instrument hire is available for students on a user-pays basis.

Instrumental Music	Amount Annually	Amount Per Term
Optional Instrumental Music Lessons (Group)	\$700	\$175
Optional Instrumental Music Lesson (Individual)	\$1500	\$375
Optional Instrument Hire	\$300	\$75

Tax Deductible Donations

School Council is encouraging contributions through the school's tax-deductible Building and Library Fund. Please [click here](#) for more information about how funds were used in 2024 and plans for 2025.

Tax Deductible Donations	Suggested Amount Only Annually	Suggested Amount Only Per Term
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$300	\$75
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases, equipment and technology that sustain and reside in the library.	\$50	\$12.50



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Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - for more information see <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>
- Sustainable School Shop for second hand books and uniforms – www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- termly instalment options
- payment plans to suit your family and individual circumstance

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact BSC Family Finance - Ph: 03 9592 7488 | Email: familyfinance@brightonsc.vic.edu.au

Payment methods

At BSC we use Compass to publish fees and for you to make contributions online.

Contributions can be made -

- In full , or
- In 4 equal Instalments (on the first day of each term in 2025)

You will receive a notification in your Compass news feed with instructions when Parent Payment arrangements (known as 'Course Confirmations' in Compass) are published and ready for your attention.

As detailed above, please contact the school office should you require an alternative method of making payment or would like to set up individual payment arrangements.

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.



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2025 Contribution Summary

Category	Amount Annually	Amount Per Term
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 800	\$200
Other Contributions	\$ 500	\$125
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (excluding Camp/s)	\$ 400	\$100
Total	\$ 1,700	\$ 425

Instrumental Music, Voice and Sound Production (weekly lessons)	Amount Annually	Amount Per Term
Optional Instrumental Music Lessons (Group)	\$700	\$175
Optional Instrumental Music Lesson (Individual)	\$1500	\$375
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Thank-you for paying attention to the detail contained in this documentation and for your contribution for 2025.



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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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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 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.