



# Bright P-12 College

P.O. Box 30, BRIGHT 3741

**PRINCIPAL:** Ms. Jean Olley

Dear Parent/Guardian

Bright P-12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Victorian Government schools are committed to providing 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 your support, whether that is through payment of voluntary contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school your contributions allow us to enhance educational experiences and facilities such as;

- A wider range of subjects
- Enhanced digital learning opportunities
- Excellent Visual Arts, Music, Sport, Science, Outdoor Ed & Language programs.
- New Equipment for Arts & Technology Department including a Laser cutter & 3D printer
- Additional sports equipment and safety padding
- A wide range of new books in the library
- Environmental sustainability education and support
- Additional in house Student Wellbeing Counsellors and Careers Advisors
- A specialised IT support team
- A wide array of camps, excursions, programs and activities

We only request contributions for items that we believe add value to the school experience for students. Your contributions go specifically towards items & activities that help improve your child's educational experience and we thank you for your contribution towards our school.

Our school has in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities, so their child doesn't miss out.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jean Olley, Principal

Peter Mack, College Council President

## Payment methods

**Compass** - Parent Payments can be made on Compass through the Payments Centre.

**BPay** – Parent Payments can be made by Bpay. Contact the office for your family Bpay details if you do not know these. Please email your completed form to [bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au) once you have made your payment

**EFTPOS / Cash** payments may be made at the front office. You can call the office and pay over the phone 5755 1166, or email us [bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au).



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## YEAR 8

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art -\$35</li><li>• Food Tech – \$50</li><li>• Wood / Metal Tech – \$20</li><li>• Science - \$30</li><li>• Economics – BOSS program - \$20</li><li>• VCD - \$10</li><li>• Resilience Project Journal - \$20</li></ul>	\$185
Year 8 Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathspace (\$21)</li></ul>	\$21
<b>TOTAL CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$206</b>
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
Student wellbeing programs	\$
Outdoor Education fund	\$
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$
Building fund	\$
Library fund	\$
Sports Program	\$
Sustainability Program	\$
<b>TOTAL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities



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**Bright P-12** 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Amount
Optional Year 8 school camps & excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
Safety Glasses (from Office)	\$3.50	
<b>TOTAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>\$</b>

## SUMMARY

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

## Financial Support for Families

**Bright P-12** 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
- Payment Plans

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

Phil Rigby –Assistant Principal (Secondary) Ph: 03 5755 1166 | Email: [phillip.rigby@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:phillip.rigby@education.vic.gov.au)

## Refunds

Parent requests for refunds (partial/full) 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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# 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 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.