

# Ballarat High School



## PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2024

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**Vision:** A learning community where every person is valued, respected & challenged as a learner

**Values:** Pride, Respect and Responsibility

**Motto:** Duty Always

School Council is committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for all our students.

Parent Contributions assist the School to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and maintain its high standards in quality facilities. Parent contributions supplement Government grants and are crucial to our budget.

Ballarat High School provides students with free instruction to fulfill the standard Victorian curriculum. Parent contributions supplement Government funding, and without your support we cannot provide the resources and programs you expect.

The Department of Education has a Parent Payments Policy and Ballarat High School Council ensures compliance with this DE policy and associated guidelines, when undertaking their implementation and administration.

Schools are able to request payments from parents in the following categories:

- 1.0 Curriculum Contributions: Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum.
- 2.0 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.
- 3.0 Other Contributions: Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the schools functions and objectives.

Your support of your child's education at Ballarat High School is vital and greatly appreciated.

Gary Palmer—PRINCIPAL

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### **CURRICULUM & SERVICE CHARGE—Curriculum Contribution—Voluntary**

Parents are invited to pay a Curriculum and Service Charge for all students attending Ballarat High School.

The School Council, after careful consideration, determined that the 2024 Curriculum and Service Charge will be:

Year 7-12	\$440
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All funds collected from families for this Charge contribute directly to your child's educational experiences and for resources that have been deemed necessary for students to learn the curriculum.

In summary the funds are allocated to the following budget areas;

Student ID Card	\$10
Transport & entry to whole school events	\$55
Learning Areas—Class Materials	<u>\$375</u>
TOTAL	\$440

Given that students have individual learning plans, the exact class materials supplied will vary. Typically items such as: food for home economics, wood for woodwork, photocopying to create a workbook in lieu of a text/practice exams, transport and venue hire for PE, stationery to supplement booklist requirements, etc.

### **Bring Your Own Device SUPPORT CHARGE—YEARS 7-12—Extra-Curricular Items & Activities**

The BYOD Support Charge of \$30, is payable for all students with an iPad/laptop at school. This covers the cost of initial on-site configuration of the device, connection to the BHS learning environment and some ongoing technical support.

### **CAMPS, EXCURSIONS and TOURS—Extra-Curricular Items & Activities**

Throughout 2024, specific year levels and subject areas will arrange camps, excursions and tours which enhance the school based learning. Parents will be provided with full details and costs prior to each activity. Full payment of these costs must be received by the School, prior to departure.

### **REFUNDS**

Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis and provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair, taking into account actual costs incurred and all other relevant information.

### **ARCH MAGAZINE—Extra-Curricular Items & Activities**

Each year Ballarat High School produces a School magazine. This is available to any member of the School community for \$30 (includes postage). Orders close at the end of Term 3. Therefore all families/students wishing to receive a Magazine in 2024, must make the applicable payment by Friday 20th September 2024.

### **BALLARAT HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION—Other Contribution—Voluntary**

Donations to the Ballarat High School Foundation are welcomed at any time. The Foundation has been established to directly benefit Library and Building projects at BHS. Donations are tax deductible. For further information please see our School website.

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### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION PROGRAM CHARGES—Extra-Curricular Items & Activities

Students who have elected to nominate and have been selected to participate in the Instrumental Music Program, will be required to pay the following charges in 2024:

Subject Levy	\$135
Instrument Hire	\$200 (if applicable)

### SPECIALIST SPORT PROGRAM CHARGES—Extra-Curricular Items & Activities

Students who have elected to nominate and have been selected to participate in the Specialist Sport Program, will be required to pay the following charges in 2024:

Year 7	\$150 (Inc. shirt & shorts)	Year 10	\$75
Year 8	\$135 (Inc. tracksuit pants)	Year 11	\$75
Year 9	\$195 (Inc. jacket)	Year 12	no charge

### ROWING PROGRAM CHARGES—Extra-Curricular Items & Activities

Students who opt to participate in the Rowing Program, will be required to pay the following charges for the 2023/2024 rowing season:

Year 9 Division Crews	\$220 plus regattas
Year 10 Division & 1000m Senior Crews	\$246 plus regattas
Senior Division 2000m Crews	\$320 plus regattas

Each crew may also have uniform, camp and/or excursion costs.

2024/2025 Rowing Season charges will be advised prior to the Season launch.

### VET IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

Students electing to study a VETiS program generally require specialised curriculum resources, uniform items, etc. The total cost varies depending upon the program chosen.

The Department of Education in 2024 will grant schools funds to cover certain VET materials. Parents will be advised individually, if they are required to purchase VET program resources or items.

### OTHER CHARGES—Extra-Curricular Items & Activities

Other charges may be levied throughout the year to cover the cost of small excursions, sport education, etc. and as a contribution towards the cost of providing specialist materials.

### PAYMENT DUE DATES

Camps, excursions and activities	Prior to departure
Rowing Season 2023/2024	Friday 9th February 2024
BYOD Support Charge	End of Term 1—28th March 2024
Instrumental Music	End of Term 1—28th March 2024
Specialist Sport	End of Term 1—28th March 2024
VET Materials	End of Term 1—28th March 2024
ARCH Magazine	End of Term 3—20th September 2024

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### PAYMENT OPTIONS and FINANCIAL SUPPORT for FAMILIES

Ballarat High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of payment and support options.

The due dates listed on page 3, are required to be met to guarantee participation in the programs. However parents making payments via a payment plan or other special arrangements, will be given some flexibility.

Payments may be made using cash, cheque, VISA, MasterCard or EFTPOS via the General Office.

Credit card payments may be made over the telephone or in person.

BPay is available. These payments can be for all outstanding account items, specific charges or a regular scheduled payment plan. All Family Statements include BPay reference details. To ensure the correct allocation of payments by our Office staff, parents using this facility are kindly requested to send us an email indicating their allocation preferences. If we do not receive this advice within 3 working days of the payments being made, the funds will be allocated at our discretion.

Centrepay deductions can also be arranged. Centrepay is a direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink, where regular amounts are deducted and paid to the School.

Camps, Sports and Excursion funds are available to eligible families who make an application.

Compass Pay, allows online permissions and payments for events etc.

Campion Education provide our booklist services and have kindly partnered with the school to also collect funds on our behalf. These funds are forwarded to us in February each year and receipted to parent accounts.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Ballarat High School is fortunate to be supported by a number of corporate/service organisations and individuals, providing funds for student scholarships. A full list is available on our website. Eligible students are encouraged to apply.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information, answers to any queries and further details of the payment options, are available by contacting the General Office. Confidential private appointments are also available on request. The office is open from 8.15am to 4.30pm each school day.

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