

Ballarat High School



PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016

Ballarat High School Council is committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for all our students, and since 1907, the School has become renowned for its curriculum and co-curricular programs and excellent facilities.

Parent contributions supplement Government funding, making it possible for the School to maintain its high standards of education and provide all students with a great many classroom resources and services.

We request parents pay all charges applicable to their child's selected program.

The Department of Education and Training has a policy for "Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools". The Ballarat High School Council Parent Payments Policy ensures compliance with this DET policy and associated guidelines, when undertaking their implementation and administration.

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

Essential Education Items, Optional Extras and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Essential education items are those items which parents/guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide for their child.

Optional extras are those items which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents/guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates in.

Voluntary financial contributions are items which parents/guardians may be invited to donate to the school.

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

Gary Palmer
PRINCIPAL

Ballarat High School

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CURRICULUM & SERVICE CHARGE—Essential Education Items

A single Curriculum and Service Charge is applied to all parent accounts of students attending Ballarat High School.

The School Council, after careful consideration, determined that the 2016 Curriculum and Service Charge will be:

Year 7	\$310
Years 8-12	\$320

The funds collected from families for this Charge contribute directly to your child's educational experiences and are for Essential Education Items.

Specifically the funds are allocated to the following budget areas:

	Year 7	Years 8-12
Online Learning Portal	\$10	\$10
Transport and entry to Sporting venues	\$40	\$40
Learning Areas—Class Materials	<u>\$260</u>	<u>\$270</u>
Total	\$310	\$320

Parent contributions supplement Government grants and are crucial to our budget.

Bring Your Own Device SUPPORT CHARGE—YEARS 7-12—Optional Extra

The BYOD Support Charge of \$20, is payable for all students with an iPad/notebook at school. This covers the cost of initial on-site configuration of the device and connection to the BHS learning environment. Year 7 students can pay an extra \$30 to cover the supply and download of approximately \$60 worth of educational applications (apps.).

CAMPS, EXCURSIONS and TOURS—Optional Extra

Throughout 2016, 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.

ARCH MAGAZINE—Optional Extra

Each year Ballarat High School produces a School magazine. This is available to any member of the School community for \$15. Orders close at the end of Term 3. Therefore all families/students wishing to receive a Magazine in 2016, must make the applicable payment by Friday 16th September 2016.

BALLARAT HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION—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—Optional Extra

Students who have elected to nominate and have been selected to participate in the Instrumental Music Tuition Program, will be required to pay the following charges in 2016:

Subject Levy	\$100
Instrument Hire	\$160

SPECIALIST SPORT PROGRAM CHARGES—Optional Extra

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 2016:

Year 7	\$120 (Inc. shirt & shorts)	Year 10	\$230 (Inc. VET and First Aid)
Year 8	\$100 (Inc. tracksuit pants)	Year 11	\$200 (Inc. VET)
Year 9	\$120 (Inc. jacket)	Year 12	no charge

ROWING PROGRAM CHARGES—Optional Extra

Students who opt to participate in the co-curricular Rowing Program, will be required to pay the following charges for the 2015/2016 rowing season:

Junior Development Squad	\$150
Year 9 Division Crews	\$200
Year 10 Division Crews	\$250
Senior Division Crews	\$275

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

2016/2017 Rowing Season charges will be advised prior to the Season launch.

VET IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMS—Essential Education Items

Students electing to study a VETiS program are required to pay additional charges. A payment of \$70 towards the cost of materials is required on enrolment, with the balance payable in Term 1, 2016. The total Materials Cost varies depending upon the program chosen.

A detailed information sheet regarding VETiS costs is available from the General Office and specific program information can be provided by the VET Co-ordinator.

OTHER CHARGES

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT on CURRICULUM AND SERVICE CHARGE

A \$20 discount is offered to payments of the Curriculum & Service Charge made prior to the end of Term 4 of the preceding year.

PAYMENT DUE DATES

BYOD Support Charge	Prior to connection to the Network
Camps, excursions and activities	Prior to departure
Rowing Season 2015/2016	12th February 2016
Curriculum and Service Charge	End of Term 1—24th March 2016
Instrumental Music	End of Term 1—24th March 2016
Specialist Sport	End of Term 1—24th March 2016
VET Materials	End of Term 1—24th March 2016
ARCH Magazine	End of Term 3—16th September 2016

The due dates listed above are required to be met to guarantee participation in the programs. Parents making payments via a payment plan will be given some flexibility.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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 facilities are also 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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



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