

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: STUDENT NAME - Curriculum Year 7 (YEAR)

We are very much looking forward to seeing the enthusiasm and creativity that your child brings to their studies in 2026. For more detailed information regarding your child's studies, please visit the [BSC Curriculum website – Year 7 Overview](#).

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to advise you of Brunswick Secondary College's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Each year, we are deeply appreciative of the financial support families provide through voluntary contributions. These contributions make a real and visible difference to the quality of learning across the school.

In 2026, your valuable contributions will continue to enhance the resources and experiences available to students; from maintaining specialist equipment and up-to-date technology to providing hands-on materials that bring subjects to life. For example, contributions will help keep our Food Studies kitchens stocked with fresh ingredients, support Outdoor Education with safe equipment and engaging opportunities, and ensure our Art studios remain vibrant and well resourced. These are just a few of the many areas where contributions make a lasting impact.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. However, your crucial support helps us go beyond the basics; turning good programs into great ones.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview included in this communication.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we can continue to create a rich and engaging learning environment for all students.

Kind regards,

BRUNSWICK SECONDARY COLLEGE



SHANE GEMMOLA
Acting Principal



SHAHAB KASMAI
School Council President

**Please calculate your contribution toward your child's best learning experience.
How To Pay information is included in this communication.**

Year 7 Contributions 2026

Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

Student Year 7 Compass Student ID Card Used to borrow library books, sign in and out of school and for a concession/discount myki card	\$20.00
Student access to classroom consumables, resources, materials & equipment - Visual Arts – eg paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper - Library – shared classroom resources - Science – eg chemicals & personal protective equipment - Homework Materials – eg photocopied resources & program materials - Performing Arts – resource materials & equipment - Health and Physical Education – resource materials & equipment - Student Wellbeing & Pastoral Care – activity resources - Computer online subscriptions	\$470.00

Non-Curriculum items and activities

- Student access to Year 7 Locker Use & Maintenance,
 - Student & Parent Communication Contribution (including access to Compass Management System)
- \$50.00

Tax Deductible Contributions

Building fund - Capital Works.

A tax-deductible contribution to enhance the facilities Brunswick Secondary College can provide to our students. e.g. renovations, upgrades, maintenance of school infrastructure.

\$_____00

Library fund

A tax-deductible contribution to enable Brunswick Secondary College to provide resources and books in the library. These resources/books are made available to students to enhance their learning and the quality of research they conduct to support their classroom work.

\$_____00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Brunswick Secondary College 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. They include optional activities and camps, optional sporting or Music Tuition programs, and materials that are not fundamental to the curriculum.

Year 7 Whole School events – Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival	\$30.00
Instrumental Music Tuition (optional - \$500 per year) Do not include if already paid.	\$_____00
Optional activities as scheduled throughout the year. Costs to be advised.	

Total Amount Payable – STUDENT \$

Educational items for your child's personal use.

A list of items for your child to individually own and use (Booklist & Stationery) can be accessed via the [BSC Curriculum Website](#).

The school recommends you purchase from Campion Education.

How to Pay

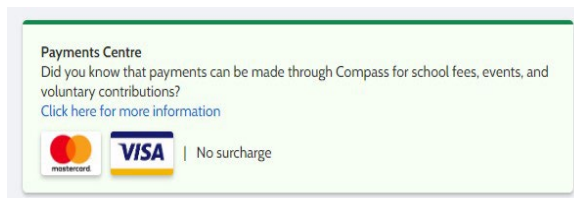
How will I know what to pay?

To simplify the process of paying school contributions, you'll be notified via the Compass Dashboard of the 2026 curriculum contributions applicable to your child/ren. For students entering years 9 to 12 next year, these also include any contributions for subjects in which they have chosen to enrol. You can get an overview of each year level's contributions on the BSC website.

How and when do I pay my contributions?

Paying via Compass (Preferred)

1. Card payments can be made via the Compass portal.
2. Click [HERE](#) to log in.
3. Please go to the Payments Centre (located above 'My News/Latest news'),
4. 'Click here for more information' to proceed through to make your payment.



Paying in Person

If you prefer to pay your contributions in person (cash or card payment), visit our school's General Office (weekdays from 8.30am to 4.30pm).

When visiting, you will also be able to lodge required responses to relevant agreements and permissions for your child.

Paying by Instalments

We have timing options to accommodate your family's needs.

It is possible (and easy) to pay by 2 or 3 Instalments, or to set up a payment plan.

What if I need financial help?

We are committed to providing a fair and equitable payment system and adhere to the Department of Education [Parent Payment Policy](#). We offer flexible payment arrangements and can direct you to other support options for assistance.

Our collective impact

The Brunswick Star Fund is made up of three distinct funds – **BUILD, DISCOVER & CONNECT** – and helps to fast-track strategic development in areas that support student opportunity, wellbeing and community.

In 2026, tax-deductible donations to the BUILD and DISCOVER funds will focus on improving the school grounds and uplifting the library space and resources.

Find out how you can help make a collective impact [here](#).

More information

Head to the BSC website [Fee Contributions](#) page to learn more about what your child(ren)'s contributions cover and payment support options. Check out the [BSC Curriculum](#) site to learn more about the structure of the curriculum and resources that your child(ren) engage with at each year level.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

READ THE FULL POLICY AT <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>



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) including the VCE Vocational Major 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

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.