BHHS YEAR 8 2026 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS LETTER

Dear parent/guardian,

Box Hill High School (BHHS) has a 95-year tradition of high-quality public education that provides depth, breadth and challenge for all students. Box Hill High School (BHHS) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of BHHS's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide 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 provide teaching and learning materials that enhance their education and experience, provide support for our students which allows us to provide an enriched school experience.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer and contributed to an outstanding NAPLAN result with 44% of Year 9 students achieved in the Exceeding category, improving on both previous year's Year 9 results and the results of the same cohort in Year 7.

Your support allows us to:

- Provide strong wellbeing supports for students, including a dedicated Student Wellbeing Hub, employing additional counselling and disability and inclusion staff and mentoring programs and life skills programs.
- Employ a full-time qualified school nurse
- Employ a full-time maintenance and facilities manager with the resulting cost savings on external trades
- Investing in our state-of-the-art science labs and art, media, design and technology equipment
- Provide additional in-class printed resources to students
- Maintain a wide selection of library books
- Invest in additional teaching staff to run smaller classes and offer a broad range of elective subjects
- Upgrade our IT network and equipment, including offering high speed internet throughout the school
- Improve student amenities as demonstrated by the recent redevelopment of our Quad to provide a focal point of student interaction during the recess and lunch
- Maintain a high level of student engagement by offering enrichment activities: e.g. an annual school production, concert bands, interschool sport, tech crew program, debating, guest speakers, student clubs and student leadership development opportunities.

Our purpose is to educate the whole child and work in partnership with our parents to prepare all our students for life after school. Your The generous financial contributions allow us to continue enhancing the curricular and extra-curricular offerings. We strongly appreciate your voluntary contributions that allow us to continue offering a variety of opportunities to all students.

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

Yours sincerely,

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<tr><th>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum When making contributions via Compass, you will only see the subjects which your student is enrolled in</th><th>Amount</th></tr>
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<tr><td>English – additional classroom materials, access to on-line resources and printed tests and trial exams</td><td>$15</td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Science – laboratory equipment, lab coats, safety equipment, cleaning supplies and materials to provide hands-on practical experience to every student undertaking the subject</td><td>$30</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Art – materials for an annual student art exhibition, additional, media resources, art supplies (paint, canvas, brushes, beads, materials) and equipment</td><td>$50</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Drama – costumes, scripts and equipment for the annual school production</td><td>$15</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Technology/design – 3D printers, cameras, projectors, interactive whiteboards, design equipment and machinery</td><td>$50</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Physical education – exercise equipment</td><td>$30</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Food Technology – ingredients, cleaning supplies, cooking equipment, utensils for every student undertaking the subject</td><td>$80</td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Student ID card</td><td>$15</td></tr>
<tr><td>Whole school events
• Athletics carnival - entry</td><td>$10</td></tr>
<tr><td>Enhanced student support (e.g. learning support programs, mentoring, coaching, homework clubs, language conversation clubs)</td><td>$20</td></tr>
<tr><td>Digital technologies - provision of devices, software, in-house system support and cyber security upgrades</td><td>$30</td></tr>
<tr><td>Total Curriculum Contributions</td><td>Total is based on subjects in which your student is enrolled in</td></tr>
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Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
School Sports Victoria affiliation (interschool sport)	$30
Lockers/locker maintenance	$30
Student and parent communication tools (Compass, newsletter, social media)	$35
Engaging staff through local payroll (e.g. facilities maintenance, additional learning support staff, the school nurse, additional classroom support)	$70
Student engagement programs (e.g. Student Council, guest speakers, Talent Show, lunchtime clubs)	$25
Enhanced wellbeing support (e.g. wellbeing programs, school counsellors, mental health practitioners)	$75
Library maintenance and enhancement	$50
Use and upkeep of specialised facilities on campus (e.g. gym equipment, art studio, science labs)	*$50*
Student assistance contribution to help students experiencing hardship with books, laptops, uniforms and food.	*$30*
First aid and hygiene costs (first aid consumables to treat students and meet student health needs when at school, on excursion or camp)	*$20*
Total Other Contributions	*$415*

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. **A tax-deductible contribution** to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. 2026 project pipeline includes STEM centre redevelopment, two new science labs and science equipment upgrade (recommended tax deductible contribution - $300)	$

Educational items for students to own

Please see the School's website for a list of items that the School recommends you purchase from Box of Books for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

BHHS offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year as each event is published on Compass.

Financial Support for Families

BHHS 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 (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, please contact your year level co-ordinator.

Total

Category		Total
Curriculum Contributions		*[parent to complete]*
Other Contributions	*(Non-tax deductible)*	*[parent to complete]*
	(Tax-deductible)	*[parent to complete]*
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (e.g camps, excursions, entry into sporting and academic competitions, debating, instrumental music)		Please refer Compass payment centre for details
Total		**$**

Payment methods

Parent contributions can be made via:

- Compass Parent Portal – **Preferred Method**
- EFTPOS – by calling our reception on 03 9877 1177 or in person at the general office
- Cash – in person at the general office

If you have any questions regarding payment methods, please email **ParentPayments@boxhillhs.vic.edu.au**.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made in accordance with BHHS Refund Policy (see Policies | Box Hill High School)

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information Requests for refunds should be emailed to ParentPayments@boxhillhs.vic.edu.au

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 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.