

Dear Parent/guardian,

YEAR 8 BOOKLIST 2022

Weeroona College Bendigo is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Weeroona College Bendigo's* voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum 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 all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to *offer a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet to name a few.*

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

Yours sincerely,



Jason Bysouth
Principal

Peter Johnson
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year 8 Student ID Card</i>	\$6.50
<i>Year 8 Diary</i>	\$8.00
<i>Year 8 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Drama – costumes & supplies (\$5.00)</i> • <i>Science/STEM – dissecting materials & glass wear (\$10.00)</i> • <i>Health and Physical Education – Excursions to the value of \$30.00 to be advised in 2022.</i> • <i>Foods - Food items and workbook (\$50.00)</i> • <i>Woodwork – Wood, nails, glue etc & workbook (\$35.00)</i> • <i>Visual Communication – Paper, paint, glue, laminating, drawing (\$5.00)</i> • <i>LOTE – Chinese food (\$5.00)</i> <i>Year 8 Whole school events:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$7.00)</i> • <i>Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$7.00)</i> 	\$154.00
Extra-Curricular - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>College Yearbook 2022</i>	\$10.00
<i>Bendigo Instrumental Music Program (BIMP – Music Lessons)</i>	\$300.00
<i>Year 8 Camp (approximately \$350.00)</i>	\$TBA
<i>Other excursions and activities including: Sport and subject areas.</i>	\$TBA
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Tax deductible contributions	
<i>Building fund.</i> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$
<i>Library fund.</i> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from *Education Plus* for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Weeroona College Bendigo 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please pay for this via the Booklist or directly to the College in 2022.

Financial Support for Families

Weeroona College Bendigo understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Rhiannon Berry or Sonya Fergus:

Ph: 03 5443 2133 | Email: Weeroona.co@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$154.00
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods

Booklist, BPay, EFTPOS or Cash.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds 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.

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.