

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Parent Payments 2022

The Benton Junior College Council has approved the school's parent payment contributions. The Parent Payment Policy, and how the school will implement the policy, is available on the school website.

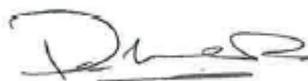
- **Curriculum Contributions** which are essential to support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum. These are items and services that the student will either consume or take possession of throughout the year to support their learning (for example, stationery, text books, art supplies, technology supplies, literacy resources, numeracy resources, etc.). This amount has increased this year due to the addition of an online reading resource. The college makes every effort to keep the cost of items and services that need to be purchased to a minimum.
- **Extra Curricular Items and Activities** (or non-essential materials and services) are those that are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and which are offered to all students. These optional extras are provided on a user-pays basis and if parents and guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them. Benton Junior College will make all efforts to ensure that students are not excluded for financial reasons. Families experiencing financial difficulty are invited to discuss alternative payment arrangements with the Business Manager Sarah Hilli, or Principal Melissa Wisniewski. They can also discuss family eligibility for the Departments' Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF), which provides payments for eligible students to attend school activities, including camps and excursions. Applications for CSEF are open to families holding a valid means tested concession card or temporary foster parents and are facilitated by the school. Further information about CSEF and the application forms are available at [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#). These items include:
 - camps, excursions, extra-curricular programs and inter-school sport;
 - school-based performances, college productions and events;
 - student ipad program, computer printing for personal use, internet access for recreational or non-school use;
 - instrumental music program, including instrument hire.
- **Other Contributions** which parents are invited to contribute to the college. Benton Junior College is fortunate to have extensive playing fields and very well maintained grounds and facilities. To enable the School Council to continue to invest in grounds improvement we need your financial support to assist the funding of these ongoing works. **Although voluntary, we would appreciate if you could pay a contribution for Grounds Improvement as our facilities and grounds are used and enjoyed extensively by all our children throughout the year.**

The school appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulty in meeting payment requests. A number of support options are available to parents who have difficulty making payments including the school's second-hand uniform shop, State Schools Relief or the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Whilst payment can be made at the start of the 2022 school year, we would appreciate prompt return of the Curriculum Contributions Payments form. All parent payments and contributions can be made by cash, Bpay, Compass or debit/credit card at the school's office. If you are experiencing difficulty in making payment please contact our Business Manager Sarah Hilli or Principal Melissa Wisniewski by phone 5973 9100 to arrange a confidential discussion.

Kind Regards



Melissa Wisniewski
Principal



Paul Kemp
School Council President

