

Dear parent/guardian,

Brunswick East Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of your child's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 support for our students. 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.

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

Yours sincerely,



Erin Willey – Acting Principal

Angela Roberts – School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationery Items, classroom consumables, materials and equipment for the Learning Communities and Curiosita <p><i>Online subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seesaw (Prep, years 1,2 and 3) Soundtrap (Music years 4,5 and 6) Australian Council for Education Research Progressive Assessment Test (All year levels) <p><i>ICT Devices</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of devices from the shared classroom sets. In 2024 we will continue to upgrade and improve digital learning resources: the purchase and lease of Netbooks; expanding digital technology infrastructure; effective utilizing of software applications and management. <p><i>Swimming and water safety program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplementary classes within the school's swimming and water safety program and associated costs <p><i>Whole school events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performing Arts Production (Curriculum component) 	\$370
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$370

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs First aid equipment Sustainability and School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$30
RAP – Implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$50

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure	\$50
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to purchase library resources and equipment	\$50

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

Brunswick East Primary School 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
456 Portsea Camp Term 4	\$380
Interschool sports program	\$TBC
Excursions as scheduled	\$TBC
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	

Financial Support for Families

Brunswick East Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

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

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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

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.