



Brighton Beach Primary School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Brighton Beach Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the **2024 Brighton Beach Primary School Parent Payment Contributions**.

State Schools provide all students with free instruction to fulfil the requirements of the standard Victorian Curriculum. Your contributions ensure, that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support.

Your choices in paying the **Curriculum Contributions** and **Other Contributions** enable the extensive learning programs and facilities upgrades that are ongoing at BBPS. Please know these contributions make a huge difference to our school.

In addition, the tax-deductible Building and Library Funds contribute to planned improvements we make to the learning spaces, the facilities, resources and equipment.

Some of our school improvement projects underway and for the future include:

- The restoration of 'the yarnning circle' and replacement of the boundary fence, landscaping and plantings in the senior play space.
- The installation of an inclusive play space, with natural features and plantings at the front of the hall.
- Adding STEAM as a specialist subject in 2023
- Enacting key aspects of our Reconciliation Action Plan
- A planned upgrade of technology hardware – new class sets of iPads and laptops.
- Stage Four of our building master plan: the refurbishment of the three original heritage listed classrooms that front Windermere
- The provision of increased shade for outdoor learning spaces and ongoing maintenance of the mod-grass oval and Exon soccer pitch.
- Setting aside funds for the refurbishment of the hall, music room, art room and canteen (now 22 years on after opening in 2001)

For 2024, based on parental feedback, we will remain with the lump sum format of requesting payment for all Extra Curriculum Items & Activities i.e. incursions, excursions, swimming and sport. This will eliminate the ongoing requests for payment of each event throughout the year.

In particular, we thank you for all your involvement that supports fundraising or volunteering your time at the school. This is what makes our school, a community. In the face of constant changes regarding COVID guidelines, we look forward to our quest to build better pathways for our kids.

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

Yours sincerely,

Beverley May

PRINCIPAL

David Capps

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

| Year 3 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
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| Consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom consumables, materials & equipment Specialist consumables, materials & equipment Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Online Subscriptions – Education Programs such as - Literacy Planet, Mathletics, Resilience Program / Digital Journals, Storybox, Tinkle and more Yr3 – JEM & Workbooks | \$320 |
| Year 3 Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| School Sports Victoria Membership | \$ 5 |
| Computer, Technology and Support | \$100 |
| First aid and health and wellbeing | \$55 |
| School grounds maintenance and improvements | \$45 |
| Tax deductible contributions | |
| Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure. | \$190 |
| Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. | \$50 |

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Brighton Beach Primary School 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.

| Year 3 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. (USER PAY) | Amount |
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| Optional excursions, incursion, swimming & sporting programs include the following, to be scheduled in 2024. These are user pay events and payment & consent is required prior for your child to participate : | |
| Immigration Museum, Melbourne Zoo, Botanical Gardens, Mad about Science | \$145 |
| Swimming Program | \$100 |
| Yr3&4 Sports Program | \$45 |
| Total Extra Curricular Items & Activities | \$290 |

In summary:

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| Year 3 | \$1,055 | Total Curriculum contributions, other contributions, tax deductible contributions and extra curriculum items and activities |
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Educational items for students to own

In the link below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from KaKa Supplies for your child to individually own and use. To order please follow these steps –

- Visit: www.booklistsbbps.com
- Go to: **PURCHASE BOOKLISTS** in menu heading
- Enter: **bbps0888** in the Guest Area
- Select the pack(s) you require for the 2024 School year
- Enter the **student's full name** and then add pack to the cart
- Proceed to checkout and complete personal and payment details
- An order confirmation will be sent to your email address

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Parent Payment Plan
- State School Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Sue Klein / Bev May on Ph: 03 9591 0888 | Email: sue.klein@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- Compass Billing (Preferred)
- Bpay
- Credit Card

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

Payment Requirements

Once again thank you for your support with these contributions. Access to Compass to make payment will be available early January 2024, payment prior to the date is not required. If you meet the criteria for CSEF funding please email Sue at brighton.beachps@education.vic.gov.au as early as possible with a copy of your current Concession Card.

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 | Other Contributions | Extra-Curricular Items and Activities |
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| 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.