Brighton Beach Primary School

November, 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Brighton Beach Primary school for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Brighton Beach Primary school offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Accounts on 03 9591 0888 or brighton.beach.ps@education.vic.gov.au

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 03 9591 0888. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

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Yours sincerely



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BRIGHTON BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	$ 1000.00	$ [parent to complete]

Tax-deductible voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary - Building fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support renovations and upgrades of school infrastructure	$200.00	$[parent to complete]
Voluntary - Library fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support library maintenance and enhancements	$200.00	$[parent to complete]

Extra-curricular items and activities

Brighton Beach Primary school offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs

We have provided confirmed or indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below.

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities will require payment and consent via the Compass Portal, prior to the event.

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Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities ***User Pay Activities.*** *Payment and consent are required for students to participate. Confirmation of cost, consent and payment will be requested prior to each event.*	**Approximate cost .** Price & Events may vary depending on Providers quotes & availability
Science Excursion [Prep]	$55.00
Kaboom Sports [Prep]	$18.00
Chesterfield Farm [Prep]	$50.00
Melbourne Zoo (Yr1&2)	$58.00
Kaboom Sports (Yr1&2)	$45.00
Opera Excursion (Yr2)	$25.00
Science – Geology Incursion (Yr3&4)	$35.00
Community Excursion-Aboriginal History (Yr3&4)	$20.00
Movie / Celebration (Yr3&4)	$22.00
Halogen Leadership Conference (Yr6)	$60.00
Lead It (Yr5)	$30.00
Sex Education Australia (Yr5&6)	$65.00
The Smoothie Bar (Yr5&6)	$35.00
Yr6 Hoodies (Yr6)	$55.00 (Approximately)
Interschool Sports (Yr5&6)	$200.00
Cyber Safety -Inform and Empower (Whole School)	$15.00
Inclusion Our Way (Whole School)	$12.00
Backflips Against Bullying (Whole School)	$18.00
Japanese Music Incursion (Whole School	$7.00
Musica Arts/Nexus-Music Incursion (Whole School)	$14.00
Intensive Swimming Program (Whole School]	$110.00
Artist Workshop (Yr1-6)	$10.00

Booklist items:

You can choose to buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier.

Brighton Beach Primary school has an arrangement with the following supplier(s) for the materials that you can buy: Kaka Kids School Supplies

If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis. If you wish to buy items through the supplier, please go to: www.shopbbps.shop – Purchase Book list – Enter bbps0888. A recommended stationery list will be provided and published on our website when finalised.

If you would like to buy items to own that are not from this supplier, you can access the Kaka Kids School Supplies link for information about items that will be required.

Financial help for families

Brighton Beach Primary school understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms -** delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- Onsite second-hand uniform store

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact:

Sue Klein on Ph: 03 9591 0888 | Email: brighton.beach.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Brighton Beach Primary school payment methods:

If you want to make voluntary contributions, you can pay via:

- Compass Billing Portal (Preferred)
- Credit Card
- Contact office if you wish to consider a payment plan

Extra-Curricular Items & Activities

Payment and consent for Extra-Curricular Items & Activities will be requested via Compass as they occur during the year. We work hard to keep costs as affordable as possible; however, prices for camps, excursions, and other activities may fluctuate in response to changes in charges from our external providers and suppliers.

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.