



# Belvedere Park Primary School

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## PARENT PAYMENTS 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Belvedere Park Primary School (BPPS) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our Parent Payment arrangements for 2021.

The BPPS Council has approved the school's Parent Payment charges, and believe that the contributions made to the school create a real difference to the learning programs, modern equipment and teaching professionals available to your children. We greatly appreciate any voluntary contributions you may be able to make to the school, further assisting our resource and support requirements.

BPPS makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. It has been a considerable time since fees and charges have been reviewed. We have closely scrutinised the current arrangements and have made some important changes to the presentation of the fees and charges for your child.

- **Essential Education Items:** These include essential items used to support the Victorian Curriculum.
- **Stationery Packs (Booklists):** We have arranged for stationery packs to be purchased from Maxim Office Supplies. These will be delivered to the school directly. The prices we have negotiated for the packs are heavily discounted.
- **Voluntary Items:** We have increased the number of voluntary contribution areas for family donations. These areas are crucial to the ongoing running of the school. We understand that some families may be under increased financial pressure. We appreciate every donation made to these categories, as they make an enormous difference to what we can offer our students.
- **Excursion/Incursions:** Incursions, excursions, interschool sports, swimming, concerts, camps, etc. will be charged as they arise. It is crucial to note that students can only attend these activities if payments and consent are received by the due date.

### Payment Methods:

Payments can be made through Compass, with an option for a payment plan over four instalments. You need to register for this before 22/11/2020 on Compass, or over the phone 03 9786 3205.

While payment is not required until the start of the 2021 school year we would appreciate payment by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020, as there are some applications that commence within the first weeks of Term 1.

The school recognises that families may sometimes experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (uniform items)

If you are experiencing difficulty in making the requested payments please contact our Parent Payment contact – Jess Lyons by phone 9786 3205 or email [belvedere.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:belvedere.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au) for a confidential discussion about alternative arrangements.

For further information, the Parent Payment Policy, and how the school will implement the policy can be found on Compass.

Yours sincerely,

*Ben Moncrieff*

Ben Moncrieff, Principal

*Karen Armfield*

Karen Armfield, School Council  
President

*Glenn Davey*

Glenn Davey, School Council  
Treasurer

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## EXPLANATION OF CHARGES – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Victorian Government funds schools to provide students with free instruction in the Victorian Curriculum and for general running costs such as cleaning, electricity and some administrative expenses.

BPPS has determined how its essential education items, additional resources & programs and optional extras for 2021 are collected through the following categories of Parent Payments.

### Essential Education Items - Compulsory

Parents/carers are required to provide these Essential Education Items for their children.

- **Curriculum** - these are items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own.
- **Stationery Packs (Booklist)** are purchased by the school and are specific to their year level. The school has worked with an external company, Maxim Office Supplies, to negotiate an extremely competitive price for the stationery packs.

### Voluntary Contributions - Optional

School Council invites parents/carers of a student enrolled at the school, or anyone else, to make a donation in the form of a voluntary financial contribution to the school.

- **Library Fund Contribution** (this is a tax-deductible contribution to the school)
- **First Aid Contribution**
- **School Resources Contribution** – includes grounds, curriculum resources, bulk materials for classroom use, digital technologies, etc.

### Optional Extras – User Pays Basis

Teachers at BPPS pride themselves on the fabulous programs offered to support the Victorian Curriculum. They work hard to deliver these activities at extremely competitive prices. The value of these optional learning experiences add to your child cannot be underestimated. Optional programs help to develop confidence, self-awareness, new skills, organisation and above all support academic achievement. Studies into student participation and overall development and achievement show that those children exposed to a wide level of experiences in their early years have an improved educational profile. At BPPS we strive to develop the whole child to their fullest potential.

Included in this section are incursions, excursions, sporting and musical activities, swimming program and camps. Payment and consent must be received by the due date for children to participate in these activities.

Refunds for essential education items and optional extras will be granted in line with the school's refund policy. Voluntary contributions cannot be refunded.

If you have a credit on your family account carried over from 2020, you can opt to use this towards any charges for 2021. Please contact the office to arrange this – 9786 3205 or [belvedere.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:belvedere.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

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