



Belvedere Park Primary School

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PARENT PAYMENTS 2023

Belvedere Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Belvedere Park Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum 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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The BPPS Council has approved the school's Parent Payments 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. We have closely scrutinised the current arrangements and have made some important changes to the presentation of the contributions for your child.

- **Curriculum Contributions:** 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.
- **Other Contributions:** 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.

While payment is not required until the start of the 2023 school year, we would appreciate payment by 16th December 2022.

Financial Support for Families:

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 contributions, please contact our Parent Payment contact – Louise Williams by phone 9786 3205 or email belvedere.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au for a confidential discussion about alternative arrangements.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ben Moncrieff

Ben Moncrieff, Principal

Laura Morris

Laura Morris, School Council
President

Glenn Davey

Glenn Davey, School Council
Treasurer

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom supplies – coloured paper, cardboard, paint, craft material, food ingredients Visual Arts supplies Mathematics – numeracy blocks English – take home books 	
<p><i>Stationery Packs</i></p> <p>Items 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.</p> <p>NB: You may wish to buy these items yourself (list provided on page 3) from your preferred supplier</p>	
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numeracy and Literacy learning platforms Assessment Platforms 	
<p><i>Digital Technology Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i></p>	
<p><i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></p>	
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
<p><i>School Resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings and Grounds – maintenance and upkeep (Suggested contribution \$20.00) Additional Curriculum Resources – such as displays and reading books (Suggested contribution \$10.00) Bulk Materials - such as photocopier paper, tissues, hand sanitiser (Suggested contribution \$15.00) Hardship – the school provides uniforms, events, camps, etc for students suffering from hardship (suggested contribution \$5.00) 	
<p><i>First aid contribution</i></p>	
Tax deductible contributions	
<p>Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</p>	
<p>Total Amount</p>	

Summary of Charges by Year Level

Foundation	\$330	Year 1	\$270	Year 2	\$290	Year 3	\$310
Year 4	\$310	Year 5	\$320	Year 6	\$320		

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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 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

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.