

Bourchier Street Primary School 2022 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Bourchier Street Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 2022 parent payment arrangements.

Victorian Government Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum. Free instruction includes teaching staff, administration, and the provision of facilities. We know that our school is much more than this. We rely heavily on Parent contributions to ensure we can deliver the best education for each learner. At Bourchier Street Primary School we work hard to ensure costs to parents are kept to a minimum and made affordable for families.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our Parent/Carer community over many years. Parent payments allow us to deliver the quality of programs and learning experiences that our community have come to love and expect. This financial support ensures that we continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children.

Your support in 2021 allowed us to:

- Offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Significant upgrade of Junior & Senior Playground areas including artificial turf
- Upgrade and purchase of additional IT devices for student loans during Covid lockdowns
- Refurbishment of school furniture across all school levels

Please find attached details about Bourchier Street Primary Schools Parent Payment schedule for 2022, which includes an overview of what parent payments will contribute towards. **Please Note:** there will be no individual book packs provided for year 3-6 students in 2022. All necessary consumable items will be supplied directly to classrooms in bulk and will be distributed to students as and when they are needed.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, please review the attached documents for an indication of what your financial contributions go towards.

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

Yours sincerely,



Denise Howley – Principal




Max Allen – School Council President

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT STUDENTS USE, OR PARTICIPATE IN, TO ACCESS THE CURRICULUM	AMOUNT
<p>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading</i> • <i>Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</i> • <i>Paddock to Plate – Middle School</i> • <i>Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, textbooks, stationery, maths kits</i> • <i>English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers,</i> • <i>Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers</i> • <i>Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials</i> • <i>Creative Arts/Music – instruments, dress-ups, games</i> • <i>Library – books, subscriptions</i> <p>Whole school events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Athletics carnival</i> • <i>Fun Run</i> • <i>Harmony Day</i> • <i>Bike Ed</i> • <i>Supplementary classes in Swimming & Water Safety</i> <p>Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seesaw</i> • <i>Compass</i> • <i>Essential Assessment</i> <p>ICT & STEM –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>STEM equipment and devices</i> • <i>Provision of iPads and devices from the shared classroom sets</i> <p>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning recourses</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$200</p>
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Bourchier Street 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.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES - OPTIONAL	AMOUNT	PURCHASE (PLEASE TICK)
Blue Book Bag	\$15	
Art Smock & Library Bag Set (Foundation) <i>Special orders for older students are available upon request – PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL TO ORDER</i>	\$32	
Art Smock Only	\$25	
Library Bag Only	\$7	
Excursion Levy – which may include the following depending on year level: <i>Interschool Sports Brave Hearts Mr Poole’s Farm Visit Clubs – Middle School Visit to Bunnings Junior Sleepover Colour Run Forensic Science Workshop Art Gallery Excursion Visiting Productions Buddy Break-ups End of year break-ups which could include Swimming, Cinema, etc</i>	\$75	
Swimming Program - Foundation to Year 6	NO CHARGE	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	AMOUNT	
Voluntary contributions for technology	\$	
Voluntary contributions for playground enhancement	\$	
Total Other Contributions		\$

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- CentrePay
- State Schools’ Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: *Denise Howley* | Ph: 03 58213488 | Email: bourchier.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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
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.