



Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Bendigo Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bendigo 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 all for your support, whether that's through fundraising, volunteering your time at school or other ways you help us to 'Be our Best'. This has made a huge difference to our school, our students and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support makes a significant difference to the quality of our programs. It has allowed us to-

- Continue to offer our students a broad range of experiences including digital learning experiences through our one-to-one netbook program,
- Provide high quality learning supported by an excellent up to date range of resources in our classrooms and specialist lessons,
- Offer extra curriculum activities such as camps, excursions and incursions that inspire and excite our students.

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

Yours sincerely,

Carolyn Tavener

Principal

Kristian Van Maanen

School Council President

YEAR 1: Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Year 1 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science – chemicals • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • English – book boxes • Classroom consumables – photocopying etc 	\$22.50
<p>Year 1 Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Eggs 	\$15.00
<p>Year 1 Whole school events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming \$27.00 • Cultural performances x 2 \$20.00 • Gym Program \$35.00 	\$82.00
<p>Extra -Curricular items and activities – provided on a user-pays basis</p> <p>A range of non-curriculum items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students is offered above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the curriculum. These are provided on a user pays basis.</p>	Amount
<i>Major Excursion (entry and transport based on 2022 pricing)</i>	\$65.00
Sleepover	\$25.00
Sub total	\$209.50
Other contributions	
<i>Voluntary Contribution for maintenance of grounds (Insert amount you wish to pay)</i>	\$
Total Amount Paid	\$

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from COS: Office Supplies for your child to individually own and use.



Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

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Carolyn Tavener

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Payment methods

We provide the following payment options for families to ensure a smooth transition into 2023. Payments may be made by **EFTPOS** in the office, by **DIRECT DEPOSIT** (please use SURNAME/FEES as payment reference or **PAYMENT PLAN** (please apply at office) or CASH.

Direct Deposit Details:

BSB: 033-688 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 931292

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case. 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.



BENDIGO VIOLET STREET PRIMARY - BTS PARENT PORTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 1, 2023

Please order at parent.cos.net.au

COS will be supplying your 2023 stationery packs. COS is a 100% Australian Family Owned & Operated school supplier. We've selected the list of items your child needs to start the year and worked with COS so you can order everything you need in one go and it will be delivered directly to your home before school starts.

The items listed on the following page have been selected as being required for Year 1 in 2023. To ensure delivery for collection day Tuesday 24th, January 2023- please place your order by 1st January 2023.

2023 Requirements for Online Ordering

Listed below are the easy steps for placing your online order available from Nov 14, 2022

Ready to order?

For a fast, simple, and secure way to place your order visit parent.cos.net.au and follow these steps:

1. Click on School Packs or Sign in button in the menu taskbar
2. Enter the **Username:** bendigovioletstreetprimary@cos.net.au **Password:** PARENTS-23
3. Select the Year level required for 2023
4. Review product selection based on your requirements
(Please note, items may have been marked as either mandatory or optional by your school)
5. Add your Pack to the shopping cart
6. Enter your Child's Details & Delivery Details
7. Enter in your credit card, PayPal or Pay4 details and then submit your order

You will receive an email order confirmation and can also request order tracking sent to your mobile.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ORDER

Delivery Guarantee: Packs delivered to school

All orders placed before 1st January 2023 will be delivered to the school prior to collection day. Orders after this date cannot be guaranteed to arrive on time and may be delivered to your school a few weeks into the school term.



Pack Price including GST \$88.75

Subject	COS Description	Qty	Price inc GST
	Kluwell My Home Reading Yellow Junior 9780648237327	1	\$4.95
	Elizabeth Richards Magazine Box Yellow	1	\$3.30
	COS Scrapbook 330x240mm Blank 100gsm 64P	4	\$4.18
	COS Double-Sided Whiteboard 210 x 300mm	1	\$5.39
	COS Whiteboard Bullet Marker 2mm Black	5	\$5.23
	COS Insert Binder A4 3 Ring 25mm White	1	\$4.40
	Faber Castell Junior Tri Grip 2B Pencils	6	\$3.23
	COS Wedge Sharpener Metal Double	2	\$1.74
	COS Eraser Large	1	\$0.28
	COS 158mm Right Handed Safety Scissors Orange	1	\$1.27
	COS Adhesive Tape 24mm x 66m	2	\$3.06
	Display Book A4 20P Fixed Insert Cover Black	1	\$2.19
	COS Story Book 330x240 70gsm 24mm 64P Eagle	2	\$3.19
	Writer Book A4 24mm DT 70gsm 64Pg Ground/Grass/Sky	2	\$6.14
	Bostik Blu Stik Glue 35g Blue	4	\$12.32
	Faber-Castell Fibre Tip Tri Grip Markers Assorted	1	\$4.72
	PM Handwriting For Victoria 1st Ed Yr 1 9780170424035	1	\$14.20
	COS Sheet Protector Premium A4 Clear	1	\$5.50
	COS Name Pencil Case Large 330 x 160mm Assorted	1	\$2.52
	COS Mini Scrapbook 165x245mm 100gsm 64Pg	1	\$0.94
	COS BTS Student Pack Drawstring Bag Orange	1	\$0.00

Please contact COS with any queries regarding the Parent Portal

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.

