



V I O L E T S T R E E T
BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Bendigo Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. We wish to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2022. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil to standard Victorian curriculum and we 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. Your financial support makes such a difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide students with extra curriculum experiences, digital learning opportunities through our one-to-one netbook program and access to online learning programs and software that enhance the curriculum.

As in previous years, families will be able to keep track of contributions made to the school by requesting a copy of their family statement.

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

Amanda Costello,
Principal

Kristian Van Maanen,
School Council President

Education items for students to own

Please refer to Individual Book pack lists supplied by JI Office Products for the suggested stationery available for purchase for your child.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment plans

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

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Payment methods

We provide the following payment options for families to ensure a smooth transition into 2022.

Payments may be made in **CASH**, by **EFTPOS**, **MOTO** (phone card payment; card details will not be retained), **DIRECT DEPOSIT** (please use SURNAME/FEES as payment reference) or **PAYMENT PLAN** (please apply at office)

- **Direct deposit details:**
- **BSB: 033-688 ACCOUNT NO: 93-1292**

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

GRADE ONE: Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <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
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Eggs - A comprehensive online reading curriculum based on solid scientific research, with personalised, one-on-one lessons that match your child's ability. Best of all, the program makes learning to read fun and highly motivating for young children, with colourful animations, interactive activities and exciting rewards. 	\$12.50
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming - \$41- • Cultural performances x 2 \$20 • Gym Program \$32.50 	\$93.50
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities - Bendigo 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.	
Major Excursion	\$50-
Local Excursion	\$25-
Voluntary Contribution (maintenance of grounds)	\$
Total	\$75-
Total Amount	\$203.50

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.