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PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Bell Park North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Bell Park North Primary School's* voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide some extra funds into topping up the curriculum budgets, purchase a few digital devices and has contributed to cover the cost of heating/cooling units in our gym to make its use more suitable to the students learning needs and versatile in how we use it.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anthea Lagadinos
Principal
Bell Park North Primary School

Natalie Davis
School Council President
Bell Park North Primary School

| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| <i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading. • LOTE – coloured paper, glue, textas, crayons, origami paper • Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, text books, stationary, maths kits • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers • Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers. • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials • Music – instruments, books, pens, markers, folders • Library – books, subscriptions | \$130.00 |
| <i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics • Reading Eggs • Sunshine Online • Essential Assessment | \$20.00 |
| <i>ICT & STEM</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM equipment and devices • Provision of iPads and devices from the shared classroom sets | \$10.00 |
| <i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i> | \$5.00 |
| <i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport • Cross Country | \$5.00 |
| <i>Foundation Reader Bag *Foundation Students Only*</i> | \$10.00 |
| Total Amount | \$170.00 |
| Foundation Students Total | \$180.00 |
| Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| <i>School Sports Victoria membership</i> | \$2.50 |
| <i>Student wellbeing programs</i> | \$5.00 |
| <i>First aid equipment</i> | \$7.50 |
| <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i> | \$5.00 |
| Total Amount | \$20.00 |

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Bell Park North 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 | Amount | Purchase (Please tick) |
|---|--------|---------------------------|
| <i>Optional school camp for years 5&6</i> | \$TBA | |
| <i>Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled</i> | \$TBA | |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | | \$ |

Financial Support for Families

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

- *the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund*
- *individual payment plans*
- *State schools relief*

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

Sue Frith (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 5278 3548 | Email: suzanne.frith@education.vic.gov.au

2025 Parent Payments

Parent payments and annual general permissions are completed via Compass.

You can log in using our school's communication port (Compass) using your unique login details, which have been provided to you. Please check 'Payments Centre' on your homepage and click on the link 'Click here for more information' to access 2025 Curriculum Contributions and follow the prompts. If you are having issues with Compass, have forgotten your password or have no access to Compass, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Other means of payments can be made as follows:

- *Cash*
- *EFTPOS*
- *BPAY*

| <i>Student's Name:</i> | <i>Year Level 2025</i> | <i>Curriculum Contributions \$</i> | <i>Other Contributions \$</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
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| TOTAL PAID | | | |

I authorise \$_____ to be charged to my Visa / MasterCard

Details as follows:

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| SIGNATURE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | VISA | | | MASTERCARD | | | EXPIRY DATE | ____Month____Year | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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.

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.