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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **2025 BBPS School Council Parent Payment Letter**

Brighton Beach Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you the voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary and at your discretion.

Your valued contributions ensure all students are challenged and supported at the level we have come to expect. We ask that you please consider paying the non-compulsory contributions where you can. Your support enables significant additions well above the 'standard' curriculum.

- The DET average class size is 26. The average class size in 2025 at BBPS will be 20. Smaller class sizes mean our teachers can provide more individualised attention to every student.
- Well-resourced student wellbeing: the explicit teaching of social and emotional learning. Feeling safe and secure in a supportive environment, directly impacts each child's capacity to achieve their academic potential.
- Maintaining qualified first aid practitioners and a fully functioning sickbay on site for the health and wellbeing of all students.
- Ongoing upgrades and maintenance to buildings and indoor learning spaces – e.g. the installation of split systems replacing gas heaters, glass entry door upgrades to CLC classrooms, bathroom floorcoverings and a new electric stove in the canteen.
- Grounds maintenance and upgrades, including servicing of playground equipment and outdoor learning spaces for shade compliance and safety. Tree arborists and landscaping services, edging and sandpit maintenance.
- Fully functioning School Library, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and indoor sport facilities.
- Additional research-based student wellbeing programs such as The Resilience Project.
- Academic subscriptions such as Mathletics, Junior Elementary Maths Mastery, Spelling Mastery, Literacy Planet, Wushka.
- Additional literacy resources to provide decodable texts for all class levels, classroom libraries, book club texts.
- ICT programs, classroom devices, software updates and ICT infrastructure maintenance.

Please note costs associated with incursions/excursions/school camp are 'user pays' contributions for external providers who conduct enrichment programs to add to or enhance the curriculum focus.

For further information on the Department's School Saving Bonus which is available to all parents and carers of Victorian government school students, more communications to come throughout November.

Kind Regards,

Beverley May  
PRINCIPAL



<b>Library fund.</b> A <u>tax-deductible contribution</u> to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$60	
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### Curricular Items and Activities

Brighton Beach 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Yr3 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. (USER PAY)	Amount
Optional swimming program, excursions, incursion, sporting programs include the following, to be scheduled in 2025. These are user pay events and payment & consent is required prior to the event, for your child to participate:  Melbourne Zoo, Royal Botanic Gardens Professor Bunsen, Linked	\$160
Whole School Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaboom Sports</li> <li>• Kaiko Drums</li> <li>• Nexus</li> <li>• The Resilience Project</li> </ul>	\$60
Swimming and water safety program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensive swimming program</li> </ul>	\$110
Yr3&4 Sport Program [includes Sporting Schools]	\$60
<b>Total Extra Curricular Items &amp; Activities</b>	<b>\$390</b>

In Summary		
Year 3	\$523.00	Curriculum-Item and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum
	\$260.00	Other Contributions-for non-curriculum items and activities
	\$260.00	Tax Deductible Contributions
	\$390.00	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (User-Pay) (Can allocate the one off \$400 SSB funding)
	<b>\$1433.00</b>	<b>Total Year 3 Contributions</b>
	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Camp Cost and Information to be advised once confirmed.</b> (Can allocate the one off \$400 SSB funding)

## Educational items for students to own

In the link below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from KaKa Supplies for your child to individually own and use. To order please follow these steps –

- Visit: [www.booklistsbbps.com](http://www.booklistsbbps.com)
- Go to: **PURCHASE BOOKLISTS** in menu heading
- Enter: **bbps0888** in the Guest Area
- Select the pack(s) you require for the 2025 School year
- Enter the **student's full name** and then add pack to the cart
- Proceed to checkout and complete personal and payment details
- An order confirmation will be sent to your email address

## Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Parent Payment Plan
- State School Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Sue Klein / Bev May on Ph: 03 9591 0888 | Email: [sue.klein@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sue.klein@education.vic.gov.au)

## Payment methods: Access Available Mid December

- Via Compass Billing Portal (Preferred)
- Bpay
- Credit Card
- SSB (School Saving Bonus) Can be allocated to Extra-curricular items and activities including:
  - Camps, Incursion & Excursions
  - Swimming and Sporting Programs
  - Graduations
  - School Uniforms

Families can choose how they spend their \$400, via the School Saving Bonus online system.

For further information on the Department's School Saving Bonus please click on <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus>.

## Payment Requirements

Once again thank you for your support with these contributions. Access to Compass to make payment will be available early mid-December, prior to the date is not required. If you meet the criteria for CSEF funding, please email Sue at [brighton.beachps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:brighton.beachps@education.vic.gov.au) as early as possible with a copy of your current Concession Card.

## 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 Payments 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 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.