

1 February 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Beaconsfield Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Beaconsfield Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025. We value and encourage your contributions which assist us to enhance and broaden the educational experience of our students.

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 through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The contributions of families in the past have allowed us to update our texts and readers to reflect current interests and passions of our students, supply materials to develop our mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills, purchase materials to support the creativity and exploration in our Arts and Science program and ensure that all students have access to equipment to develop active and healthy students. These are just some of the wonderful supports that have been provided to our students to develop their learning and passion for education.

We are very proud of our grounds and beautiful outdoor environment. We enjoy utilising these spaces for learning and to support good mental wellbeing. We will continue to enhance these spaces for our students.

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

Yours sincerely,

Heidi Inglis Principal

Peter Raja **School Council President**

From a fine tradition to an exciting future

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount							
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$5) Science – chemicals/Food, technology equipment (\$10) Mathematics – equipment ie counters, blocks, measurement (\$10) English – Readers (\$10) Sports – equipment (\$10) Music – instruments (\$5) ICT – resources, devices shared in classroom (\$10) Languages – resources (\$5) Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning material (\$10)	\$75							
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount							
School Sports Victoria membership	\$3							
Sentral for parents app – communication/reports	\$14							
First aid equipment and hygiene	\$13							
Lunchtime Clubs/Wellbeing activities	\$5							
Tax deductible contributions								
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$40							
Library fund . A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$55							
Total Amount	\$205							

Educational items for students to own

Booklist items that the school recommends you purchase from Office Corporate are for your child to individually use and own.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Beaconsfield 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. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.





Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications must be in by 24th June 2024
- Instalment payments

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Trish Mulvaney-Business Manager -Ph: 03 9707 1510 | Email: beaconsfield.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$75
Other Contributions	\$35
Library Fund	\$55
Building Fund	\$40

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Please contact the office via email should you require BPAY details

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 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.