

November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations on your patience and persistence through another trying year.

Attached you will find a letter and information about the 2022 Parent Payment arrangements.

The Department of Education has clarified and strengthened the Parent Payments Policy, so the looks a little different.

In previous years, the school asked for \$310 per child for Essential Education Items and an additional \$30 for whole school activities.

There were also further opportunities for families to make extra voluntary payments – based on suggested amounts. The additional money was used for other essential items to support learning, including resources for Literacy, Numeracy, the Arts, STEM and bilingual education.

The money makes a big difference to what the school can offer.

It has been a difficult two years and many families are hurting financially.

Payments are completely voluntary and not paying won't have any impact on your child, and won't ever be noted publicly.

If you can pay as much as last year, the money will go to creating a better learning experience for all children.

Donations to the Building Fund and Library Fund are tax deductible.

Whatever happens, the year ahead will be filled with learning and joy from BSPS's wonderful teachers and staff.

Thank you again for the care and love you've shown through the remote learning experience.

Here's to a great year ahead in 2022

Yours sincerely,

BSPS School Council

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Dear parents and carers,

Brunswick South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 all our students.

We want to thank you for all that you do to support our school, whether that's through payments and donations, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has, and will continue to, make a huge difference to our school and what we offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to;

- Offer a range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Refurbishment of school grounds, with particular focus on the senior playground
- Upgrade and purchase of additional digital devices
- Purchase additional Literacy and Numeracy resources
- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Performing Arts, STEM and PE
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills;
- Provide hands on maths resources
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions
- Purchase a range of sporting equipment
- Arrange for individual student supplies, stationery and other bulk learning supplies

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

Kind regards,

Trevor Strolla
Principal

James Henry
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions <i>Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum</i>	Amount
Foundation - Year 6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <i>e.g. exercise books, HB pencils, erasers, glue sticks, rulers, whiteboard markers and erasers, coloured pencils, mini whiteboards, document wallets, pencil cases, sharpeners</i>	\$100
Art <i>e.g. clay, plasticine, glue sticks, scrap books, portfolio, textile materials, paint, pencils and textas, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</i>	\$20
STEM <i>e.g. science and chemistry materials, recycled materials, craft paper, baking goods, glue and general materials.</i>	\$20
Physical Education & Sport <i>e.g. sports equipment and resources, sports clinics, Sporting Schools Membership</i>	\$20
Printing and photocopying of learning materials <i>e.g. paper, printing and photocopying costs</i>	\$10
Curriculum Contributions (suggested \$170)	\$ 170

Other Contributions for non-curriculum items Suggested amounts: \$150, \$200, \$250 or \$400	Amount
General Contribution towards school resources, equipment etc	\$
School grounds maintenance, upgrades and improvements	\$
Total Amount	\$
Tax Deductible contributions	
Building fund <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	\$
Library fund <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>	\$
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own: Parents/Carers may choose to purchase resources for your child to individually own and use. If you would like to purchase your own items, please contact the office for a list of items that the school recommends.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities: Brunswick South 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 e.g. school magazine, camps, excursions, graduation ceremony

Financial Support for Families: Brunswick South Primary understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including: the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Families who do not have an immediate capacity to pay are also able to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the school. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our Business Manager, Mary Glendza on 9380 1231 or email brunswick.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.



Payment Form

Student Details	
Student Name	
Student Year Level	
Category	Payment
Curriculum Contributions <i>(Suggested \$170)</i>	\$
Other Contributions <i>(Suggested amounts: \$150, \$200, \$250 or \$400)</i>	\$
Tax Deductible Contributions	\$
Total Payment	\$

How to make a payment

At the office

- Eftpos
- Cash
- Credit Card

By Mail

- Fill out credit card details
- Send to: 56 Brunswick Road
 Brunswick East 3057



Electronic Payment

Direct Deposit
 BSB: 063 228 Acc No. 10018837

Name: Brunswick South Primary School

Enter description:
 Student name - Curr Conts, Build Fund or Lib Fund



Credit Card Payment Details

Card No.



Cardholder's Name:

CCV

Cardholder's Signature:

Expiry Date

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.