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**BEAUMARIS
NORTH
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Carers

Beaumaris North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Beaumaris North Primary School's 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 our students which is exemplary and well above standard provided by DET. Our school community expect the very best for students which we deliver to an exceptional level.

We want to thank you for all your support. Your choices in making curriculum and optional contributions enable the rich and diverse learning program that is on offer at BNPS and means that we are able to provide both hands-on materials as well as ICT equipment and software applications that allow us to assist in engaging, enabling and extending your child. Your generous support in 2021 has kept our school buildings and grounds maintained to the highest standard, the provision of our wellbeing staff member for the wellbeing of our students and our first aid program which also covers the extra safety and Covid measures. It also allows us to run our specialist program with dedicated specialist teachers. Your support has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Of course, to our wonderful parents that support and assist our committees, fundraising or the teachers in class, thank you, your time has made a huge difference to our school community.

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

Yours sincerely

Sherril Duffy
Principal

Mike Fitzpatrick
School Council Vice President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year Prep consumables, materials & equipment all to support student learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Art – assorted paper/cardboard, paint/oil/pastels, clay/glazing and textiles • STEAM – includes craft materials, coloured paper • Classroom Consumables – paint, coloured paper, and additional stationery • Music – coloured paper, drawing materials • Sports – ribbons, drawing equipment 	\$52.00
Year Prep Online Subscriptions to complement and extend our curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathseeds • Essential Assessment • Roadshow Licence • Matharoo Maths Sheets • Brain Pop • ACER Testing • Resilience Incursions Digital Program • Scriibi • Smartspelling • Reading Eggs • Daily Café 2 Sisters • Cyber Safety • Prep Special Events 	\$168.00
Year Prep ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$158.00
Year Prep Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$5.00
Total Year Prep Curriculum Contributions	\$383.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Digital Technologies Contribution - The last two years showed us that technology is vital to providing an ongoing connection between our teachers and students. The Digital Technologies Contribution means that the school can have on-site technology and digital education staff, who maintain our fleet of devices and equipment, and enable our teachers to use these important tools to give our students the education they seek now, and the digital capabilities they'll need in the future.	\$165.00
First Aid, Health & Wellbeing Contribution – The emotional and social wellbeing of students is critical to their experience at BNPS. Our significant investment with both a Wellbeing Officer and First Aid Officer ensures our students receive the care they need. All staff receive annual first aid accredited training for the safety of all students and we maintain sufficient first aid supplies in all classrooms and our first aid room, including the provision of additional Asthma and Anaphylaxis equipment. We must also maintain a high COVID safe environment including sanitiser, masks, gloves and signage. Funding for this from DET is very limited.	\$120.00
School Contribution – This contributes to non-consumable costs, not funded through the Department of Education and Training and will support the provision of programs that enhance the standard curriculum. This includes ongoing reading material, musical instruments, sporting equipment and continual rebuilding of resources for all curriculum areas.	\$110.00

Facilities Maintenance Contribution – It is vital for the safety and maintenance of our school grounds, and to meet compliance requirements for OH&S, that we employ a Facility Manager at the School’s expense. This cost covers four days per week, resulting in an immediate response to repairs and issues, from light fittings to toilets, and maintenance of our grounds, including lawn mowing and removal of damaged tree foliage. As a result, our grounds, buildings and equipment are safe and of a presentable standard with no parent working bees.	\$150.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building Trust - tax-deductible contribution – is vital for periodic enhancement and upgrade of our buildings, facilities and playground equipment which falls outside funding provided by the Department. This includes the cyclic replacement of heating, cooling, carpets, window furnishings, outdoor fixed furniture and recreational facilities.	\$105.00
Total Amount	\$650.00

Stationery - Educational Items for Students to Own

A separate Stationery list of items will be sent out shortly. We are currently finalising and negotiating the best price and quality that will assist our students. BNPS recommends you purchase from KaKa Kids Supplies for your child to own and use to maintain consistency and quality throughout the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Year Prep Swimming program	\$TBA
Other optional Year Prep excursions and incursions to be scheduled (Welfare Program, LOTE & Art Incursions, Inquiry Excursions (Eg: Aquarium), Inquiry Incursions). Each optional activity will require payment and permission before attending. The full payment may be paid now for these optional excursions and incursions, permission will be required on Compass closer to the actual date.	\$190.00
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$190.00

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursion or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
- State Schools’ Relief. Assistance with school uniforms if your child is starting Prep and is eligible for CSEF. State Schools’ Relief will provide basic uniform items or a voucher if you’re eligible.

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

Sherril Duffy / Susan Miles

Ph: 03 9589 5449

Email:beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total Year Prep

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$383.00
Other Contributions	\$650.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$190.00

Payment Methods

The following payment options are available:

- Payment in full – via Qkr >School Payments tab, Bpay, Credit Card, Cheque or Cash (cash in person only) Bpay reference details are available from the Office. This can be now or by 19 January 2022.
- Flexible options over two payments via a valid credit card on 3 January and 3 February 2022. This option is manually processed by the Office.

A one page document will be sent home with your child where you will be able to complete your options.

For financial assistance or to setup a flexible contribution option please contact the school as indicated above under Financial Support for Families.

Refunds

Beaumaris North Primary School responds to refunds, when circumstances change, on a case by case basis. Where refunds are deemed reasonable, and if the school has not incurred a cost on behalf of your child, refunds are made on a pro-rata basis.

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.