

20 November 2023



Dear Parents

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 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

At Beaumaris North Primary School, we provide exemplary teaching and learning in line with the Victorian Curriculum. We are an Internationally recognised World School and approved to deliver the International Baccalaureate® (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) www.ibo.org.

Through an inquiry-based learning approach we provide an international education that develops the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills needed to live, learn, and work in a rapidly globalizing world.

Nevertheless, the ongoing financial support from our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students, which is exemplary and well above the standard curriculum. Our school community expects the very best for students, which we deliver to an exceptional level. Our recent NAPLAN data reflects our commitment to excellence for all and demonstrates our high achievement. Our data exceeded Statewide Benchmarks in every curriculum domain.

Your contributions to our 'Curriculum' and 'Other Contributions' enable Beaumaris North Primary School to continue to offer the rich and diverse learning program that you have come to expect.

As a result of your financial support in 2023 we have been able to:

- Lease new learning devices providing a 1:1 ratio from Year 2 – Year 6 using funds received in our 'Digital Technologies Contribution'. By making contributions to 'Digital Technologies', all BNPS families are saved from having to purchase a device for each of their children. Students in Prep and Year 1 have access to both iPads and laptops, provided by the school, at a ratio of 1 device per 2 students. We provide the devices and maintain them, eliminating any additional costs to families.
- Employ fully qualified first aiders who manage every aspect of our students' medical needs both at school and on activities beyond our school gate including sport, excursions, and school camp through the contributions made to 'First Aid and Wellbeing'. In 2023, we have been able to purchase additional AEDs (defibrillators) to be placed in several areas around the school. Support with 'Wellbeing Contributions' ensures that our therapy dog program continues, along with our 'Bungalow' activities.
- Employ both a Facilities Manager and Handyman to maintain our facilities and grounds to the highest standard, and to ensure all school equipment is maintained to meet required OH&S standards.

Whether it is through fundraising or volunteering your time, we are so grateful to all our wonderful parents and carers whose active participation on committees, in our canteen and uniform shop, on excursions, and in the classroom ensures our students are thriving. Your impact does not go unnoticed.

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

Yours sincerely

Sherril Duffy
Principal

Mary Sheargold
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Prep consumables, materials & equipment to support student learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Classroom – additional resources and stationery requirements</i> • <i>STEM – resources, science equipment, experiment materials, etc</i> • <i>Visual Art – various paint, pastels, paper, clay, textiles, etc</i> • <i>LOTE – resources, papers, drawing materials, etc</i> • <i>Library – borrowing program, additional resources, etc</i> • <i>Music – resources, classroom instruments for student use, etc</i> • <i>Physical Education – sports equipment, balls, place ribbons, etc</i> 	\$ 54.00
<p>Prep online subscriptions to complement and extend our curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Essential Assessment Numeracy, Matharoo Maths Sheets, Illumination Maths Program, Maths 300, Brain Pop Junior, Mathseeds, Scribi, SMART spelling, reading eggs.</i> 	\$ 153.00
Prep ICT devices – provision of devices 1:2 program ratio from the shared classroom sets	\$ 240.00
Prep Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$15.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$ 462.00

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p>Digital Technologies Contribution. The Digital Technologies Contribution means that Beaumaris North Primary School can have on-site technology and digital education staff, who maintain our fleet of devices and equipment. Our teachers use these important tools to give our students the education they seek now, and the digital capabilities they will need in the future.</p>	\$ 195.00
<p>First Aid, Health & Wellbeing Contribution – We believe that the emotional and social wellbeing of our students is critical to their experience at Beaumaris North Primary School. Our significant investment in both a Wellbeing Officer and First Aid Officer means that our students receive the care and support that they need. All staff receive annual first aid, CPR, and anaphylaxis accredited training to ensure the safety of all students. We maintain sufficient first aid supplies in our first aid room as well as all classrooms, including the provision of additional asthma, anaphylaxis, and defibrillator equipment.</p>	\$ 135.00
<p>School Contribution – This provides funds for non-consumable items, which are not funded by DET and will help to support the provision of programs that enhance the standard curriculum. This includes ongoing reading material (take home readers), musical instruments, sporting equipment, continual rebuilding of resources for all curriculum areas, as well as shelving and furniture to adequately store these items.</p>	\$ 150.00
<p>Facilities Maintenance Contribution – It is vital for the safety and maintenance of our school grounds, and to meet the compliance requirements for OH&S, that we employ a Facilities Manager and Groundskeeper at the school's expense. This means an immediate response to reported issues, from light fittings to toilets, and maintenance of our grounds, including planting, lawn mowing and removal of damaged tree foliage. As a result, our grounds, buildings, and equipment are safe and of a presentable standard without the need for parent working bees.</p>	\$ 180.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 660.00

Tax Deductible Contributions	
<p>Building Fund – A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. It is vital for the school to perform periodic enhancements and upgrades of our buildings, facilities and playground equipment which falls outside DET funding. This includes the cyclic replacement of heating, cooling, and carpets; and ongoing painting, plumbing and maintenance of buildings and fixed outdoor covered areas.</p>	Suggested \$ 140.00 \$ _____

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of stationery items for your child to individually own and use. We encourage all parents to order the book packs chosen by our school. **Our teachers have carefully curated these book packs to match the developmental stage of your child. Past experience has shown that it creates ongoing issues if a student has different supplies from their peers.**

We have carefully chosen and negotiated the best prices for these items to ensure that your child has everything they need to start the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Beaumaris North Primary School offers a range of optional 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Prep Swimming Program	\$ TBA
Other Optional Prep Incursions & Excursions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Whole School Incursions: Cyber Safety, Art, Japanese, Wellbeing, School Music Celebration</i> • <i>Melbourne Aquarium Excursion</i> • <i>Drama Toolbox Incursion</i> • <i>Prep Special Events Program</i> <p><i>Each optional activity will require payment and consent before attending. The full payment may be paid now for these optional items. However, consent will still need to be granted on Compass when the details of each individual event are released.</i></p> <p><i>Please note that these items have been budgeted using the most current quotes and costings. In the event that unexpected costs arise, or where the cost of programs increase, we will do our best to find a replacement activity or we may be required to add a small fee to the cost of the event when it is released on Compass.</i></p>	\$ 170.00
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 170.00

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): if you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. This allowance is paid to your child's school and will be used to cover the costs of your child's camps, excursions, or sporting activities.
- State Schools Relief (SSR): Assistance with school uniforms is available for any child. SSR will provide basic uniform items or a voucher for use in our uniform shop. Children in Prep and eligible for CSEF will also be eligible for a winter uniform pack.
- School Support: For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Sherril Duffy | Principal OR Nicola Hajnc | Business Manager
Ph: 03 9589 5449 | Email: beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total 2024 – Prep

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 462.00
Other Contributions	\$ 660.00
	(Non-tax deductible)
	(Tax-deductible)
	Suggested \$ 140.00
	\$ _____
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 170.00
Total	\$ _____

Payment methods

The following payment options are available:

- Payment in full now or by 25 January 2024 via:
 - QKR! > School Payments tab
 - BPay (BPay reference details are available from the office)
 - Credit Card
 - Cash or Cheque (cash in person only)
- Flexible options over two or four payments via a valid credit card. 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

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.