

October 2024



Dear Parents

Beaumaris North Primary School is proud of our students' achievements in 2024 and is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning outcomes for our students in 2025.

Excellent student outcomes are in part possible with the support of our parent/carer community and their contribution both from a participation and financial perspective.

I would like to advise you of Beaumaris North Primary School's 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.

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 the only public primary school in our area 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 and perspective that develops the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills needed to live, learn, and work in a rapidly globalising world. Effectively, our 360-degree learning approach supports the nurturing of future well rounded global citizens.

The ongoing financial support from our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible modern education and support for our students. Our school community expects the very best for students, which we deliver to an exceptional level within the means we have. To keep propelling this forward we need your support.

Thanks to your financial support in 2024, we have achieved the following:

- ❖ Our recent NAPLAN data exceeded Statewide Benchmarks in every curriculum domain. This data reflects our commitment to excellence for all and demonstrates our high achievement.
- ❖ Continue to support a 1:1 device-to-student ratio from Year 2 to Year 6, sparing all BNPS families the expense of purchasing individual devices for their children.
- ❖ Prep and Year 1 students enjoy access to iPads at a ratio of 1:2, supplied and maintained by the school, thus avoiding extra costs for families.
- ❖ Maintained first aid training and qualification for all staff to ensure all medical needs of our students are met, both on-site and during off-site activities.
- ❖ Install additional AED (defibrillator) to ensure prompt access around the school premises, should this be required.
- ❖ The addition of 'Bonnie' & 'Ziggy' to our Therapy Dog program, as an integral component of our wellbeing and engagement approach.
- ❖ Introduction of a dedicated Science teacher, and science program, (Year 3-6) designed to spark curiosity and foster critical thinking.
- ❖ A strong focus on Disability & Inclusion to ensure there is a cohesive approach to the mental health and wellbeing of all students and staff.
- ❖ Maintain both a Facilities Manager and Handyman to uphold our facilities and grounds to the highest standards, ensuring all school equipment complies with OH&S regulations.
- ❖ Employed Emergency Management administrator to oversee and effectively plan for emergencies and critical incidents.

Your contributions to our 'Curriculum' and 'Other Contributions' enable Beaumaris North Primary School to offer the best possible learning program and environment grounded in new technological adoption and best practice learning.

I am pleased that the Victorian Government is providing \$400 per student in 2025 through the School Saving Bonus (SSB), which families can use towards the costs of Extra-Curricular Items & Activities and/or School Uniform.

We are immensely thankful to all the amazing parents and carers whose dedication to fundraising and volunteering time significantly contributes to our students' success. Your active involvement in committees, our canteen and uniform shop, excursions is greatly appreciated and makes a noticeable difference.

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
Year 1 consumables, materials & equipment to support student learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classroom – additional resources and requisites ● Science – resources, science equipment, experiment materials, etc ● Visual Art – various materials, paint, pastels, paper, clay, textiles, etc ● LOTE – resources, papers, drawing materials, etc ● Library – borrowing program, additional resources, etc ● Music – resources, classroom instruments for student use, etc ● Physical Education – sports equipment, balls, place ribbons, etc 	\$ 53.00
Year 1 online subscriptions to complement and extend our curriculum: <i>Learning Through Doing, BrainPopJr, Mathseeds, Scribi, Nessy Reading & Spelling, Cyber Safety Project, Pevan & Sarah</i>	\$ 135.00
Year 1 ICT devices – provision of devices 1:2 program ratio from the shared classroom sets	\$ 234.00
Year 1 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 15.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$ 437.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p>The Digital Technologies Contribution enables Beaumaris North Primary School to employ on-site technology and digital education staff who are responsible for maintaining our suite of devices and equipment. Our teachers utilize these essential tools to provide our students with the contemporary education they desire and to equip them with the digital skills necessary for their future.</p>	\$ 180.00
<p>First Aid & Wellbeing Contribution, at Beaumaris North Primary School, we hold the emotional and social wellbeing of our students as paramount to their school experience. Our substantial investment in a Wellbeing Officer and a First Aid Officer ensures that our students are provided with the necessary care and support. All staff undergo annual accredited training in first aid, CPR, and anaphylaxis to guarantee student safety. We ensure that our first aid room and all classrooms are stocked with adequate first aid supplies, along with extra asthma, anaphylaxis, and defibrillator equipment.</p>	\$ 120.00
<p>School Contribution, these funds are allocated for non-consumable items that are not covered by DET funding. They support programs that go beyond the standard curriculum, including ongoing reading materials (take-home readers), musical instruments, sports equipment, and the continuous replenishment of resources across all areas of the curriculum. Additionally, this contribution goes towards our Emergency and Critical Incident Management planning and maintaining our International Baccalaureate accreditation.</p>	\$ 150.00
<p>The Facilities Maintenance Contribution is crucial for ensuring the safety and upkeep of our school grounds, as well as for fulfilling OH&S compliance requirements. By employing a Facilities Manager and Groundskeeper, we can promptly address any reported issues, ranging from light fixtures to plumbing, and carry out regular maintenance tasks such as planting, lawn mowing, and the removal of damaged tree limbs. Consequently, our grounds, buildings, and equipment remain safe and well-presented, eliminating the necessity for parent volunteer workdays.</p>	\$ 160.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 610.00

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 encompasses the regular replacement of heating, cooling, and carpets; and ongoing painting, plumbing and maintenance of buildings and fixed outdoor covered areas.</p>	<p>Suggested \$ 150.00 \$ _____</p>

Educational Items For Students To Own

Please find attached a list of individual stationery items that the school recommends you purchase from Ka Ka Kids for your child to individually own and use.

We urge all parents to purchase the book packs selected by our school, which our teachers have meticulously assembled to align with your child's developmental stage. Experience has demonstrated that discrepancies in supplies among students can lead to persistent problems.

We have selected and negotiated the most favourable prices for these items to guarantee that your child is fully equipped for the start of 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 Year 1 Swimming Program	\$ TBA
<p>Other Optional Year 1 Incursions & Excursions Estimate – Pay As You Go</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Whole School Incursions: Cyber Safety, Life Education, Music Incursion, Sport Incursion, School Carols</i> ● <i>Werribee Zoo Excursion</i> ● <i>Puffing Billy Excursion</i> ● <i>MiniBoss Incursion – The Chocolate Shop</i> <p><i>Participation in each optional activity necessitates prior payment and consent.</i></p>	188.00
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 188.00

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): Eligibility for CSEF applies if you possess a valid means-tested concession card. This fund is allocated to your child’s school to help cover the costs associated with camps, excursions, or sports activities.
- ❖ School Saving Bonus (SSB): Starting this November, the Department of Education will introduce the SSB. Parents will have the option to allocate these funds towards camps, extra-curricular activities, or uniforms. Further information will be provided by the Department.
- ❖ to the cost of Camps, Extra-Curricular items and Activities or Uniforms.
- ❖ State Schools’ Relief (SSR): All children can receive assistance with school uniforms. SSR offers basic uniform pieces or a voucher redeemable at our uniform shop. Additionally, children in Prep who qualify for CSEF are also entitled to a winter uniform package.

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

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

Total 2025 – Year 1

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 437.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$ 610.00
Building Fund <i>(Tax-deductible)</i>	Suggested \$ 150.00
	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Payment Methods

The following payment options are available:

- Payment in full now or by 17 January 2025 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.