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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 2023. 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 that's 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 has 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 support that have been provided to our students to develop their learning and passion for education.

To take advantage of our beautiful outdoor environment we would love to utilise these areas as learning spaces to complement our classroom work. We will be supplying equipment to support our students learning outside – trolleys with equipment and supplies, cushions and mats and portable work spaces.

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*

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$5)</li> <li>• Science – chemicals/Food, technology equipment (\$10)</li> <li>• Mathematics – equipment ie counters, blocks, measurement (\$5)</li> <li>• English – Readers (\$10)</li> <li>• Sports – equipment (\$10)</li> <li>• Music – instruments (\$5)</li> <li>• ICT – resources, devices shared in classroom (\$10)</li> <li>• L.O.T.E. – resources (\$5)</li> <li>• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning material (\$5)</li> </ul>	\$65
<b>Other Contributions</b> - 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
<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$40
<b>Library fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$55
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$195</b>

### Educational items for students to own

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

### 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.



# 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.