Brentwood Park Primary School
Stronger Together

Dear parent/guardian,

Brentwood Park Primary is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *the school's* voluntary financial contributions for *2023.*

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 you 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to enhance:

- *digital learning opportunities for example- class iPad sets*
- *provide high quality resources beyond the basic standard (for all curriculum areas taught – For example, high quality fiction and non-fiction books for Reading)*
- *provision of a wide range of sporting equipment*
- *ongoing facilities maintenance development*
- *air conditioning and air purifier maintenance*
- *playground and shade structure maintenance*

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

Yours sincerely,

Jim Bell
Principal

Lindy Penrose
School Council President

Year F-1 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount

Classroom consumables beyond the basics, materials & equipment • *Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper ($10)* • *Science – primary science materials ($5)* • *Mathematics – numeracy materials and resources ($10)* • *English – book boxes ($20)* • *Sports – equipment ($10)* • *Music – equipment ($5)* • *Digital learning – resources ($5)* • *Chinese – consumables and resources ($5)*	$70
Online Subscriptions • *Showbie Pro F-6*	$4
ICT Devices – provision of devices for use in the classroom	$5
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	$10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
School Sports Victoria membership	$1
Student wellbeing programs e.g. You Can It Program	$1
First aid equipment	$1.50
School grounds maintenance and improvements	$2.50
School Library Association of Victoria	$1.50
Storybox Library	$1.50
Inquisitive – History and Geography	$1
Bookmark	$1
Total Amount	**$100**

Educational items for students to own

This section refers to the year level specific book list. This is recommended for you to purchase from Berwick News agency for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Brentwood Park 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. Costs per students are determined based on the number of students participating, venue entry, bus hire and activity costs.

Camps, excursions, special events and other activities or items, will be paid through Xuno or Bpay. Notification for payment and permission notes will be forwarded in advance.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Purchase
School activities such as incursions, excursions, and sporting activities are costed on an annual basis, based on the number of participants and venue costs. *Junior Swimming Program (TBA)*	TBA
Excursions / Incursions	TBA
Mathletics F-6 ($11)	$11
Reading Eggs F-2 ($17.80)	$17.80
Multi-Cultural day – entry and transport (TBA)	TBA

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Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Maree Dale

Ph: *03 97022022*| Email: *brentwood.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au*

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	$ 89
Other Contributions	$ 11
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$ TBA

Payment methods

- Xuno
- BPay

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.

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.