



# Brunswick North

## Primary School

### 2025 Parent Payments

Dear parent/guardian,

Brunswick North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Brunswick 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. **Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for your children. We would like to thank you for all your support, whether that is 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 the digital learning opportunities, refurbish classrooms as well as the option to update some classroom furniture.

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

Yours sincerely,

Adam Dunemann  
Principal

Lois Knight  
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions (per student) - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Classroom Consumables</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Sports</li> <li>• Numeracy, Literacy</li> <li>• Italian</li> </ul>	\$240
Online Subscriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential Assessments</li> <li>• Reading Eggs</li> <li>• Story Box Library</li> <li>• Mathletics</li> </ul>	\$45
ICT devices - provision and upkeep of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$100
Swimming & Water Safety Program (subsidised by Department of Education)	\$0
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$25
<b>Total Amount for Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$410</b>

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<b>Compass Platform</b>	\$40/student
<b>School Nurse Contributions:</b> Suggested contribution of <u>\$50 per student</u> to support the employment a qualified nurse from 11am to 3pm each school day	\$50/student
<b>Library Technician Contributions:</b> Suggested contribution of <u>\$50 per student</u> to support the employment of an education support library technician one day per week	\$50/student
<b>Grounds Contributions:</b> Suggested contribution of <u>\$50 per student</u> to support the upkeep of the school grounds	\$50/student
<b>Tax Deductible Contributions</b>	
<b>Building fund:</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested contribution is <u>\$200 per family</u> for this fund	
<b>Library fund:</b> A tax-deductible contribution for book purchases and other equipment for the library. Suggested contribution is <u>\$200 per family</u> for this fund	
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES BNPS offers items/activities that enhance the school experience of students, which are above and beyond what is provided to deliver the Curriculum. These activities/items are provided on a user-pays basis and will be charged as the activity occurs throughout the year	Amount
School Photographs	User Pays
Year 6 Graduation Tops	User Pays
Year 6 Graduation Bears	User Pays
Year 6 Graduation Book	User Pays
Camps (Year 3 – 6)	User Pays
Incursions/Excursions (Foundation – Year 6)	User Pays
Interschool Sports (Year 3 – 6)	User Pays
District & Region Sports	User Pays
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Financial Support for Families

Brunswick North Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty, therefore a range of support options are available including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Second-hand uniform

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

Maddy Galgano (Business Manager)

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## Total Contributions

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities ( <i>User Pays</i> )	\$

## Payment Methods

Brunswick North Primary School's preferred method of payment for all 2024 Contributions is via Compass. Other payment methods include Direct Deposit, EFTPOS or cash at the school office.

## 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.