Brunswick North
Primary School

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 2026.

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 learning environment for your children.

In recent years, this support has allowed us to enhance digital learning opportunities, refurbish classrooms, and upgrade classroom furniture. In 2026, we are excited to continue improving our facilities and learning spaces with several new projects planned, including:

- Addition of classroom dividers with display walls, reducing the number of open plan classrooms in our school.
- Installation of a kiln to support our creative arts programs
- Re-imagining of the orchard garden into an area to engage with First Nation's culture, history and perspectives
- Introduction of teacher standing desks and document cameras. These tools assist greatly in maximising the effectiveness of explicit instruction.
- Carpeting of the remaining corridors, stairs, gym, and staffroom for improved comfort and acoustics
- Classroom storage cupboards
- Following the completion of the Yellow Park playground upgrade, a similar upgrade for the Blue Park playground, with a focus on inclusivity and accessibility
- The expansion of our novel study units of work in Grades 3-6. Students will have their own novel to study, which they can take home upon the completion of the unit of work

These initiatives reflect our shared commitment to creating an inspiring, inclusive, and well-equipped environment for every student.

We would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support—whether through financial contributions, fundraising efforts, or volunteering your time. Your generosity has made a significant difference to our school community and the programs and facilities we can provide. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please see the one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Curriculum Contributions (per student) - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Student Classroom Consumables • Music • Art • Sports • Numeracy, Literacy • Italian	$240
• Years 3–6 students only This is for novel study throughout the year and includes a total of 4 novels (1 x per term). Students will be able to take the novel home at the completion of the unit of work	$60
Online Subscriptions: • Essential Assessments • Smartlab • Story Box Library	$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
Total Amount for Curriculum Contributions – Foundation to Year 2 Students	$400
Total Amount for Curriculum Contributions - Years 3 to 6 Students	$460

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Compass Platform	$40/student
School Nurse Contributions: Suggested contribution of $50 per student to support the employment a qualified nurse from 9am to 3pm each school day	$50/student
Library Technician Contributions: Suggested contribution of $50 per student to support the employment of an education support library technician one day per week	$50/student
School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements Contributions: Suggested contribution of $50 per student to support the upkeep of the school grounds	$50/student

Tax Deductible Contributions	
Building fund: A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested contribution is $200 per family for this fund	$
Library fund: A tax-deductible contribution for book purchases and other equipment for the library. Suggested contribution is $200 per family for this fund	$
Total Amount	$

Extra-curricular items and activities – provided on a user-pays basis

BNPS 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. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised through the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School Photographs	User Pays
Year 6 Graduation Tops	User Pays
Year 6 Graduation Bears	User Pays
Year 6 Graduation Booklet	User Pays
Camps (Year 3 – 6)	User Pays
Incursions/Excursions (Foundation – Year 6)	User Pays
Interschool Sports (Year 3 – 6)	User Pays
District & Regional Sports	User Pays
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	$

Financial Support for Families

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

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Total

Category		Amount
Curriculum Contributions		$
Other Contributions	(Non-tax deductible)	$
	(Tax-deductible)	$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		$ User Pays
TOTAL		$

Payment Methods

Brunswick North Primary School's preferred method of payment for all 2026 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	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.