



Little Bendigo Primary School

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Dear parent/guardian,

Little Bendigo Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Little Bendigo Primary 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 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.

Last year within our school, this support has allowed us to ensure all student have the essential items they need, and develop our grounds, playgrounds and gardens.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Tait

Principal



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year Prep - 6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared classroom stationery and A4 paper • Provision and up-keep of take-home readers 	\$50 \$10
<i>Online Subscriptions</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment in Numeracy and Literacy 	\$15
<i>Year Prep - 6 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10
<i>Year Prep - 6 Whole school events</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport • Cross Country – entry and transport 	\$5 \$5
Total Amount	\$95
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student and parent communication tools – Compass</i>	\$20
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$10
Total Amount	\$30

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Little Bendigo 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Excursions (specific costs to be provided when organised)		
<i>Optional Year 3-6 school camp (estimate)</i>	\$275	
<i>Optional Year Prep – 2 Sleepover (estimate)</i>	\$90	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$



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Financial Support for Families

Little Bendigo 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:

Business Manager: Michelle Pryor

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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods

Parents may pay by cash, cheque, direct deposit, Bpay and EFTPOS. All payment arrangements remain confidential.

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

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.