

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent

Buangor Primary school is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Buangor Primary school's parent payment arrangements for 2021

Buangor Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

School Council has set the Essential Student Learning Items at a total of \$150 at each Year Level for 2021. These items are essential to support student learning of the standard curriculum. These items are considered to be essential to all students within the school

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief
- Payment plans as arranged by school

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

Kate Cain

Ph: 03 53545513 | Email: kate.cain@education.vic.gov.au

Or

Sally Peacock

Ph: 03 53545513 | Email: Sally.peacock@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Direct Deposit

BSB- 063-500

Account no- 1004 3741

Cash or Cheque

Refunds

Buangor Primary School will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally the school will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp

costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sally Peacock
Principal

Brooke Jess
School Council President

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Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Buangor Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Stationary	\$ 60.00
Art	\$ 20.00
Online subscriptions	\$ 20.00
Group days	\$ 17.00
MARC Van	\$ 33.00
TOTAL	\$150.00

Optional Items

Buangor Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised

TOTAL \$

Voluntary Contributions

Buangor Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school’s important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible ?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
TOTAL			\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items
 Optional Items
 Voluntary financial contribution

Amount \$150.00
 Amount_ TBA____
 Amount_____

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.

