

Dear parent/guardian,

Barton Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Barton 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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences. We assure you that all contributions directly fund learning resources and experiences for our students.

Without these contributions from our families, our ability to enrich the learning experiences beyond the standard Victorian curriculum will become extremely challenging. As always, Barton Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS BREAKDOWN:

Curriculum Contributions \$70.00

Other Contributions \$30.00

Educational items for students to own (Stationery Pack) \$57.91 – \$100.10 (varies by year level)

Extra-Curricular Items - advised throughout the year *via Compass*.

That's an average investment of \$4.42 per week towards your child's education over the course of the school year.

All payments can be made directly through COS (stationery supplier), including the collection of contributions. Details on how to make payment are outlined in the COS Order Guide.

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

Yours sincerely,



Benjamin Vevers

Principal



Amy Bland

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arts – paint, crayons, canvas, instruments, etc (\$5) • STEM – glue, tape, consumable building materials, etc (\$5) • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, counters, posters/charts, etc (\$5) • English –classroom libraries & readers, paper, craft items, book boxes, etc (\$5) • Sports – equipment, ribbons, etc (\$5) • Spanish – posters/charts, language tapes, books, etc (\$5) 	\$30.00
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics (\$7) • Reading eggs (\$7) • Seesaw (\$7) 	\$21.00
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$11.00
Whole school events – sporting carnivals, open mornings, Book Week, etc	\$8.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$70.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs- breakfast club, parent webinars, guest speakers	\$10.00
Building maintenance and improvements	\$10.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$30.00

Educational items for students to own

There are some items the school recommends you purchase from COS for your child to individually own and use. For a fast, simple and secure way to place your order visit parent.cos.net.au and follow these steps:

1. Click on **School Packs** or **Sign in** button in menu task bar
2. Enter the Username: **bartonprimary@cos.net.au** & Password: **PARENTS-23**
3. Select the Year level required for 2023
4. Review product selection based on your requirements
 - Please note, items may have been marked as either mandatory or optional
5. Add your Pack to the Cart
6. Enter your Child's name and 2023 Year Level (**CLASS not required**)
7. Delivery – prefilled
8. Customer Reference – skip by clicking **proceed**
9. Enter in your credit card, Paypal or Pay4 details and submit

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Barton primary School 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 throughout the year *via Compass*

Financial Support for Families

Barton 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 (SSR)

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

Kate Mathews

Ph: 03 8766 4000 | Email: barton.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 70.00
Other Contributions	\$ 30.00
Educational items for students to own	\$57.91 – \$100.10 (varies by year level)
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Via Compass throughout the year.
Total	\$ 157.91 – \$200.10

Payment methods

COS parent portal parent.cos.net.au (Credit card, Paypal or Pay4).

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 Payments 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.