

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 financial contributions for 2024.

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 voluntary 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.

BREAKDOWN OF CONTRIBUTIONS PER STUDENT:

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 such as excursions, sport activities and camps - 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.

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

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (such as excursions, sport activities and camps) – 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

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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.

