



## 2026 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Families,

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 2026. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

To reduce costs, ***the school will be buying all stationery items the students require in bulk*** and distributing to the students in class at the beginning of the year. ***Parents are not required to purchase any additional items for students for 2026.***

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

2026 Voluntary Contributions	
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b>	\$50.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Arts – paint, crayons, canvas, instruments, etc</li> <li>Mathematics – numeracy blocks, counters, posters/charts, etc</li> <li>English –classroom libraries &amp; readers, paper, craft items, book boxes, etc</li> <li>Sports – equipment, ribbons, etc</li> <li>Spanish – posters/charts, language tapes, books, etc</li> </ul>	
<b>Online subscriptions</b>	\$10.00
<b>ICT devices</b> – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10.00
<b>Whole school events</b> – sporting carnivals, open mornings, Book Week, etc	\$10.00
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs- breakfast club, parent webinars, guest speakers	\$20.00
Building maintenance and improvements	\$20.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20.00
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

**Why Your Support Matters:** Whilst the school funds all aspects within its budget, every contribution, no matter the size, will go towards further upgrades, creating a more enriching environment for our students as well as additional resources that may be required throughout the year.

**How to Contribute:** To make a voluntary financial contribution payment see '***Course Confirmation/School Payments***' - '***2026 Parent Payment Arrangements in our COMPASS portal.*** If you require further support, please contact the school office.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** ***provided on a user-pays basis*** Barton Primary School offers a range of 'optional' 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 activities such as camps and excursions will be advised throughout the year on *Compass*. Financial support options for these include the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

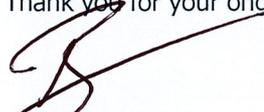
**Refunds:** Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

**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](mailto:barton.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school.



Benjamin Vevers  
**PRINCIPAL**



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**SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**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:

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>
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.