



East Bentleigh
Primary School

Parent Payment Arrangements Steiner Class 3 2026

Tuesday, 14 October 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

East Bentleigh Primary School remains dedicated to delivering high-quality education to its students. To ensure clarity regarding the concept of voluntary financial contributions in schools, we'd like to provide some essential information.

Voluntary financial contributions refer to monetary donations that parents and members of the community have the option to make to the school. These contributions are not compulsory, and families are under no obligation to provide them. However, they are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated for their valuable role in enriching the educational experience of our students and bolstering the resources available to the school.

It's important to emphasize that **these voluntary contributions are a crucial means of support for the school**. They empower us to offer enhanced educational programs, support services, and other various initiatives. These resources can significantly impact the quality of education we can provide to our students.

We want to express our deep appreciation for the ongoing support we receive from our parents and the broader community. Whether it's through financial contributions, fundraising efforts, or volunteering time and expertise, your support makes a substantial difference in the opportunities we can offer to our students.

East Bentleigh Primary School has ambitious plans for the 2026 academic year, including the introduction of new programs and initiatives aimed at enriching the educational experience. Your voluntary financial contributions play a critical role in making these plans a reality. They allow us to invest in areas such as literacy, numeracy, and specialist programs including supplementing the Kitchen/Garden Program. By contributing voluntarily, you are directly contributing to the success of these initiatives and the overall educational development of our school.

In summary, voluntary financial contributions are a way for parents and the community to actively participate in shaping the educational environment at East Bentleigh Primary School. We deeply value your support, and it is your commitment that enables us to provide the highest quality education to our students. Your generosity helps create a more enriching and fulfilling educational experience for our entire school community. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support.

To support families during the transition to this new payment system, we are offering a range of options to assist our community. Payment plans for 2026 contributions will be available (through Compass) beginning October 2025 and finalising in January 2026. If choosing to pay the Steiner Levy in instalments, please select your preferred frequency in Compass.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Spence
Principal

Rachel Jeffreys
School Council President

Lisa Cleland
School Council Treasurer



Curriculum Contributions

Essential items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum. Please note: this contribution covers books and stationery for the classroom, no additional booklist items are required.

Curriculum Contributions - (Voluntary Contribution)	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Science, Inquiry & Main Lesson • Mathematics • English • Sports • Performing Arts • Classroom Consumables • LOTE Program	\$340.00
Whole School events • Tabloid Sports Day • French Play	\$25.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$365.00

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

East Bentleigh Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance and broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Victorian Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Student events, excursions and incursions will continue to be advised to parents as and when they occur. These may include, but not limited to Interschool sport, sporting carnivals, camps and curriculum related incursions and excursions

Steiner Levy (User pays)	Amount
The Steiner Levy encompasses the following resources and programs: • Eurythmy • Craft • Music Lessons (class 3-6) • Dance • Classroom Resources	\$ 2693.25

Extra Curricular (User pays)	Amount
Kitchen Garden (class 3-6)	\$ 330.00
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 3023.25



Other Contributions

East Bentleigh Primary School greatly appreciates the following donations from families for their valuable role in enriching the educational experience of our students and bolstering the resources available to the school.

Other Contributions (voluntary donation)	Amount
School Maintenance Contribution In 2024, we established the EBPS Parents, Carers and Friends Association (PCFA). Collaborations between schools and parent committees often lead to positive enhancements in the learning environment. These physical improvements can have a profound impact on the overall educational experience for students and the school community. These changes may include improvements to infrastructure, classrooms, recreational areas, or other aspects of the school facilities. Such developments can contribute to a more welcoming, engaging, and efficient learning environment. We have exciting and promising plans for 2026 to continually improve the school environment and provide the best possible educational experience for students. Contributions in this area will facilitate projects such as: New Playground equipment at the South end of the oval: Support planned upgrades and replacement of play equipment and nature play areas. Creation of Additional Intervention Spaces: Additional spaces for intervention and meetings can be vital in providing personalized support for students and fostering collaboration among staff. These areas can be instrumental in addressing diverse learning needs. Regeneration of the gardens facing Bignell Rd: After the removal of the Infinity Playground, we plan to landscape the front of our school to create a warm and welcoming entrance and outdoor learning space. Ongoing Safety Upgrades: Continual safety upgrades ensure that the school remains a secure and safe place for learning. These improvements can encompass a range of safety measures to protect the school community. These planned enhancements reflect a proactive approach to school management, showing a commitment to addressing various aspects of the learning environment. They also align with the school's dedication to offering the best possible educational experience to students while maintaining a safe and inviting atmosphere. The collaborative efforts of the school, parents, and the wider community can contribute to the success of these initiatives, ensuring a bright future for East Bentleigh Primary School.	Suggested Contribution \$30.00
First Aid Contribution East Bentleigh Primary School recognizes the paramount importance of ensuring the health and well-being of our students while maintaining open communication with parents regarding First Aid matters. We are committed to providing a high level of First Aid within the school to support our students' safety and overall health. To maintain the quality and accessibility of this First Aid service, contributions collected will be directed toward the following aspects: First Aid Supplies: Ensuring that our First Aid facilities are well-equipped with necessary supplies to respond to health emergencies promptly and effectively. Professional Development: Supporting ongoing training and education for the dedicated staff member responsible for First Aid and Student Health to stay current with best practices and emerging health concerns.	Suggested Contribution \$10.00



Student Health Initiatives: Expanding and improving health-related programs, awareness campaigns, and resources to promote the well-being of our students. Your contribution will be instrumental in ensuring that our school continues to provide a high level of First Aid and medical management. It underscores our commitment to the safety and well-being of our students and the importance of transparent and timely communication with parents when it comes to health-related matters. We appreciate your support in this endeavour and look forward to a safe and healthy school year.	
<u>Library Contribution</u> The commitment to ongoing development and inclusion in the library space demonstrates a dedication to providing the best possible resources for the school community. The library spaces serve as valuable hubs for learning, exploration, and cultural appreciation. It is a testament to East Bentleigh Primary School's commitment to providing a holistic and enriching educational experience for all its students. Continued collaboration and community involvement in such initiatives are essential in creating a thriving educational environment that supports both academic and cultural growth. Contributions in this area will assist with: Purchasing new book titles: Increasing the number of books in our library directly supports our students to further develop their love of reading. Teachers are able to draw on a wider selection of picture books, class novels and mentor texts to enrich the teaching and learning at EBPS Upgrading furniture and fittings: Plans are underway to replace the furniture in the senior library to provide flexible seating options and comfortable places to enjoy a book. The Junior library space will be revitalised after we move Out of Hours Care to a dedicated space.	Suggested Contribution \$10
Total Other Contributions	\$50.00

Financial Support for Families

East Bentleigh 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)
- Payment plans for School Camps

If you find that you would benefit from a personalised payment plan or have specific financial concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to help and will work with you to arrange a plan tailored to your needs.

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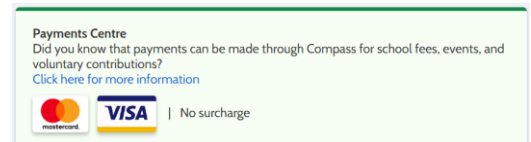
Total Contributions

Category	Totals	Parent to complete
Extra Curriculum Items and Activities (incl Steiner Levy) (due by: 26/01/2026)	\$ 3023.25	\$
Curriculum Contributions (can be paid in Term 1 2026)	\$ 365.00	\$
Other Contributions (can be paid now or in Term 1 2026)	\$ 50.00	\$
Total		\$

Payment methods

'We're making it easier for you to pay your school contributions by re-instating CompassPay for all contributions, payment of excursions etc. We would like to request your assistance in completing the Payments Centre for the 2026 academic year.

To make this process as convenient and efficient as possible, we ask that you complete these tasks online via Compass.



Monthly Payment Plan

Steiner Levy

35% - Due October 31 st , 2025	35% - Due November 28 th , 2025	30% - Due January 26 th , 2026
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Fortnightly Payment Plan

Steiner Levy

20% - Due 24/10/2025	20% - Due 07/11/25	15% - Due 21/11/25
15% - Due 05/12/25	15% - Due 12/01/26	15% - Due 26/01/26

Extension Plan

To assist families with our new Payment Policy, we are offering the option of paying 60% of the Steiner Levy by 05th December and 40% by the end of term 1. This option is only available as fortnightly payments and you can select the "Extension Plan" in Compass.

Steiner Levy

15% - Due 24/10/2025	15% - Due 07/11/25	15% - Due 21/11/25
15% - Due 05/12/25	10% - Due 19/01/26	10% - Due 05/02/26
5% - 19/02/26	5% - 05/03/26	5% - 19/03/26
5% - 02/04/26		



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