

ADDITIONAL COSTS and CHARGES POLICY

1. PURPOSE

East Bentleigh Primary School, as a school operated by the Victorian Department of Education, provides most educational activities free of charge. However, in common with other government schools in Victoria, charges are made for certain special activities which are not covered by government funding.

These include:

- camps
- swimming
- excursions
- activities provided at the school from time to time by visiting performers, and
- before and after school care.

2. AIMS

East Bentleigh Primary School offers families the option of Steiner education as an alternative to conventional state primary teaching methods. Some Steiner education activities involve additional costs not covered by government funding. These activities are funded by the participating families.

These include:

- Eurythmy program (all Steiner classes),
- Dance (all Steiner classes)
- Instrumental music program (Steiner classes 3 to 6).

These activities are not optional for children in the Steiner classes. All children in the Steiner classes are expected to participate in all class activities. The costs for all class activities must be paid by families who enrol their children in Steiner classes. They agree to these conditions when they first enrol.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Payment of additional costs

For all activities which incur additional costs, the costs must be paid by the date specified by the class teacher or the School Council.

For one-off activities such as excursions and camps, the due date will be prior to the commencement of the activity.

For recurring activities such as eurythmy, dance and drama, costs must be paid by the due date of the applicable term.

3.2 Discount

A 10 per cent discount will apply to recurring activity fees which are paid by the due date. An additional discount of 5 per cent will be allowed if the fees for the whole year are paid by the due date in first term.

3.3 Difficulty in paying

Families that are having difficulty in paying their costs by the due date should contact the principal. In cases of genuine difficulty, it may be possible to arrange a schedule which will permit the costs to be paid over time.

3.4 Non-payment

- Children will not be permitted to participate in camps and excursions if the applicable costs are not paid prior to the activity.
- Children cannot participate in a Steiner class without all the costs applicable to that class being paid.
- A place in a mainstream class may be offered to families who are unable to pay the costs of the Steiner stream
- Children will not be permitted to begin a new school year in a Steiner class unless all payments are up to date by the beginning of the previous December.
- Any family having difficulty in meeting this deadline should contact the principal at the earliest possible date to arrange a schedule for the payment of all outstanding costs.
- No extension of time to pay will be granted in any case where the family has not discussed the matter with the principal by the end of third term.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed on a 3 year cycle.

This Policy was ratified by School Council in

October 2011