



## Mainstream

Dear Parent/Guardian,

East Bentleigh P.S. is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of East Bentleigh P.S.'s voluntary financial contributions for **2022**.

We believe that East Bentleigh Primary School is a great school that provides an excellent educational environment for your child or children. We are proud of our achievements; however, we are always striving to get better and better.

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, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music, and physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established literacy – reading, writing and speaking and listening - and numeracy.

To assist our families, we purchase the books and supplies for all classrooms in bulk which are then distributed by the class teachers to your children. These measures ensure that the supplies are obtained at a minimum cost, children are assured of obtaining the correct item, and parents can benefit from a minimum of effort in equipping their child or children ready for their school year.

Another program which we are able to offer because of your contribution is our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program (Grade 3 onwards). Children will be involved in planting vegetables and fruits in our productive gardens, then in preparing and cooking a variety of delicious dishes which they will then be able to enjoy together.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Maria Shearn*  
Principal

*Lisa Vance*  
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"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material etc.</li> <li>• Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy blocks, textbooks, stationary, maths kits, rulers,</li> <li>• English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers</li> <li>• Classroom materials – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing books, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, and rulers</li> <li>• Sports – equipment, ribbons, and materials.</li> <li>• French – AIM subscription, books, and materials</li> <li>• Library – books and subscriptions</li> </ul>	\$245.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essential Assessment</i></li> <li>• <i>Seesaw</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggs</i></li> </ul>	\$30.00
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$10.00
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Performing Arts – Opera Australia</i></li> <li>• <i>French Cultural day – whole school incursion</i></li> </ul>	\$15.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership</i>	\$5.00
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$5.00
<i>A voluntary financial contribution per family for help with the ongoing maintenance and beautification of our grounds</i>	\$50.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 370.00</b>



### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

East Bentleigh P.S. offers a range of 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. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
2022 – Kitchen & Garden Program. Grades 3 -6 <i>Consumables for kitchen / garden program.</i>	\$125.00	
<i>Performing Arts – Footsteps dance company</i>	\$60.00	
<i>School magazine/ yearbook – Grade 6</i>	TBA	
<i>Optional School camp – Grade 3 -6</i>	TBA	
<i>Interschool Sports, cross country, swimming and athletics program (Grades 5 &amp; 6)</i>	\$145.00	
<i>Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA	
<i>Optional instrumental music program conducted in the Steiner Stream is also available to mainstream children</i>	TBA	
<i>Grade 6 Graduation (Grade 6 only)</i>	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		\$

### Financial Support for Families

East Bentleigh P.S. understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to eligible Health Care Card holders
- Centrepay
- Individual payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- State Schools' relief

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

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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.