



East Bentleigh
Primary School

Parent Payment Arrangements Mainstream F-2 2026

Wednesday, 22 October 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

East Bentleigh Primary School remains dedicated to delivering high-quality education to its students and are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. East Bentleigh Primary School would like to advise you of our 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. In addition to the curriculum, East Bentleigh Primary School offers Extra-Curricular Items and Activities that are provided on a user-pays basis.

It is 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to invest in areas such as library, 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.

We want to express our deep appreciation for the ongoing support we receive from our parents and the broader community. Whether that is through voluntary contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a substantial difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Spence
Principal

Rachel Jeffreys
School Council President

Lisa Cleland
School Council Treasurer



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment - English – book boxes - \$20 - Maths – stationery - \$20 - Science and Inquiry – chemicals - \$20 - Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc - \$40 - Sports – equipment - \$40 - LOTE Program - stationery - \$20 - Stationery Items – pens, pencils, excersice books, glue sticks etc - \$105	\$265.00
Online Subscriptions	\$20.00
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$40.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$40.00
Whole school events Tabloid Sports Day	\$20.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$385.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$2.00
First aid equipment	\$20.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$40.00
Total Other Contributions	\$62.00



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)
- *MoneySmart.gov.au* [Urgent help with money - Moneysmart.gov.au](https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/urgent-help-with-money)
- *Services Australia* <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/crisis-and-special-help>
- *Salvation Army Financial Assistance* [Financial assistance | The Salvation Army Australia](https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/financial-assistance)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Lidiya Kerassitis – Business Manager

Ph: 03 9570 3525 | Email: Lidiya.kerassitis@education.vic.gov.au

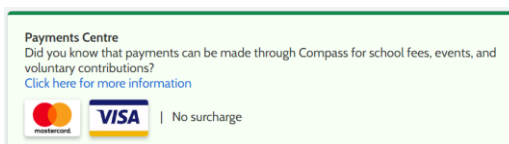
Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$385.00
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$62.00
Total	\$447.00

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.



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 our school Refund Policy.



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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.