

Dear Beaumaris Primary Parents/Carers,

At Beaumaris Primary School our mission is to provide a high quality, supportive and engaging learning program. The ongoing support and contributions you make ensure that we can deliver the best possible teaching and learning programs and assists us in improving academic, social, and emotional outcomes for your child. We are looking forward to another outstanding year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

These contributions ensure students are taught, challenged, and supported with every learning opportunity. Within our school, your support allows us to purchase additional items not covered by government funding. We ask families to contribute to:

- Individual student subscriptions to online platforms such as Mathletics.
- Purchase of additional Literacy and Numeracy resources.
- Additional resources and equipment to enrich your child's learning in Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Sport, Japanese and Environmental Science.
- Update and maintain our existing playgrounds.

This year we will be providing a significant boost to our Literacy resources with an additional 5000 new books including, take-home books to support what is being taught at school, guided reading books for explicit instruction and new books in the library for all students to access high quality and engaging literature.

Our grounds will begin to be further updated this year with new playground spaces, alongside a refurbishment of the existing wooden playground. We will be replacing shade sails over the wooden playground as well. These upgrades are only possible with the financial support from our families.

This year our objective is to continue supporting and developing the academic learning and growth of our students while providing exceptional wellbeing programs to support their physical, social and emotional growth.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the best possible opportunities for our students' achievements, successes, and wellbeing, are possible because of your contributions and support.

We have taken onboard feedback from families to improve the payment process, including all payments now on the Compass platform, including a payment plan option. For further information on the school Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached. Should you have any questions regarding our Parent Contributions for 2024 please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr David Tapp**

**Principal**

**Mr Steve Marshall**

**School Council President**

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.	<b>Amount</b>
<b><i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay &amp; firing \$18.63</i></li> <li>• <i>Science – consumables \$9.00</i></li> <li>• <i>Maths consumables \$7.45 &amp; English consumables \$7.45</i></li> <li>• <i>Sports – equipment wear and tear and other consumables \$7.45</i></li> <li>• <i>STEAM consumables and repairs \$7.45</i></li> <li>• <i>Sustainability and kitchen garden consumables \$13.33</i></li> <li>• <i>Japanese – Belt material &amp; other consumables \$3.72</i></li> <li>• <i>Class Budget extra consumables \$27.93</i></li> </ul>	<b>\$ 102.41</b>
<b><i>Online subscriptions</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics \$14.48, Seesaw \$14.90, Maths Antics, Brain POP \$14.90, Wushka \$13.97, Essential assessment \$4.75</i></li> <li>• <i>Compass \$37.25</i></li> </ul>	<b>\$ 100.25</b>
<i>ICT – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets and repair, Apps</i>	<b>\$25.14</b>
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	<b>\$12.20</b>
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>

<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Specialist Contributions – Physical Education, Japanese, Performing Arts Eg: \$50, \$100/\$200 any amount is gratefully accepted</i>	<b>\$</b>
<i>ICT Levy - Eg: \$50, \$100/\$200 any amount is gratefully accepted</i>	<b>\$</b>
<i>First aid equipment/Welfare Contribution Eg: \$50, \$100/\$200 any amount is gratefully accepted</i>	<b>\$</b>
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements Eg: \$50, \$100/\$200 any amount is gratefully accepted</i>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>

Tax deductible contributions	
<p><b>Building Fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure Eg: \$50, \$100/\$200 any amount is gratefully accepted. We are currently focusing on building up our Building Fund with the goal of getting a new hall in conjunction with the Department. Having funds to go towards this project is imperative to getting improvements that we want as a school that will not be provided by the Department.</p>	\$
<p><b>Library fund</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchase and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource Eg: \$50, \$100/\$200 any amount is gratefully accepted</p>	\$

#### Educational items for students to own

The school recommends you purchase from *Ka-Ka Kids* for your child to individually own and use. List already received from school. You can purchase from another supplier if you wish.

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

Beaumaris Primary School offers a range of optional 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School magazine/ yearbook - Available to order later in the year.	TBA
School camps – Year 3 – Year 6	TBA
Year 5 & 6 Interschool sports program.	Pay as you go on Compass
Excursions to be scheduled (estimated \$125.00)	Pay As You Go on Compass
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Financial Support for Families

Beaumaris Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- CSEF -the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (Form available from the office)
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
  
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities, please contact our Business manager, Catherine Lamb on 9589 2619 so we can personalise for you.*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: *Catherine Lamb on Ph: 03 95892619 | Email: [catherine.lamb@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:catherine.lamb@education.vic.gov.au)*

Category	Totals
<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	\$ 240.00
<b>Other Contributions</b>	\$
Specialist contribution, ICT Levy, First Aid/Welfare contribution, Grounds levy <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	
Building Fund <b>(Tax Deductible)</b>	\$
Library Fund <b>(Tax Deductible)</b>	\$
<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	\$
School Yearbook, Camps, Year 5/6 Interschool sport and excursions payable throughout the year on Compass	
<b>Total</b>	\$

### Payment methods

2024 Payments can be made on Compass (preferred method), Eftpos, Visa, Mastercard or BPAY. Direct deposit can be arranged, please contact the school office for details.

### 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.

# 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.