

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Buangor primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Buangor Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025

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.

Buangor Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Financial Support for Families

Buangor 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
- Payment plans as arranged by school

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

Kate Cain

Ph: 03 53545513 | Email: kate.cain@education.vic.gov.au

Or

Sally Peacock

Ph: 03 53545513 | Email: Sally.peacock@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Direct Deposit

BSB- 063-500

Account no- 1004 3741

Cash or Cheque

Refunds

Buangor Primary School will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally, the school will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already

been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sally Peacock
Principal

Fee schedule – Foundation-Grade 6

Please find the itemised list of Curriculum Contributions and Optional Items for your child. Buangor Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2024.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Online subscriptions	\$ 20.00
Group days	\$ 22.00
MARC Van	\$ 33.00
TOTAL	\$75.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Buangor Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. Families can start making payments towards any of the camps.

Optional Item	Amount
2/3 Roses Gap - September	To be advised
4-6 Urban camp- November	To be advised
5-6 Sovereign Hill- March	To be advised
Optional excursions may occur throughout the year. The cost of these excursions will be advised.	To be advised
TOTAL	\$

Voluntary Contributions

Buangor Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2025 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family			Amount
TOTAL					\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items

Amount \$75.00

Optional Items

Amount_ TBA__

Voluntary financial contribution

Amount_____

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.