



Boroondara Park Primary School

School No. 5288

ABN 55 983 557 174

29th November 2021

Dear parent/carer,

Boroondara Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2022. Our Finance Committee and School Council would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2022. Every effort has been made to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents, with the continued impact of the pandemic on many families.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. At Boroondara Park we are very proud of the high quality, enriching programs we provide for our students within spacious, contemporary learning environments. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we offer. The State Government supplies the basic operational requirements for our school. This is not sufficient funding to deliver the depth of curriculum currently offered and expected at BPPS, nor the maintenance and enhancement of our buildings and 4-hectare grounds. The ongoing support of our families ensures our school can offer the best possible education for our students. We want to thank you for your ongoing support of Boroondara Park Primary School, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider and enriched curriculum, modern and innovative learning resources, continuous improvement of teaching and learning, enhancement to the physical surroundings and superior digital capabilities, all of which make a vital contribution to enriching our students' educational experience and outcomes.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview on the back of this letter.

Attached you will find the Year 4 Curriculum Contributions for 2022. Payments can be made via **Qkr! or BPay from the 3rd January 2022** or alternatively, the School Office will be open from 24th January 2022 and can accept cash and Eftpos payments.

Please note we are **unable** to accept payments prior to the **January 2022**, as per Department Policy.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Coulter
School Council Treasurer

Susanne Lowe
Principal

Greg Campbell
School Council President



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.



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Year 4 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 4 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom consumables, English, Mathematics & integrated curriculum exercise books, pencils, pens, sharpener, glue, graph book, highlighters etc (\$48.00) • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc (\$13) • Ongoing replenishment of the classroom-based texts, (\$30) • Reading material for the classroom and for home reading, (\$30) • Maths equipment including counting materials, dice, spinners, 3D shapes, formal measuring equipment and calculators (\$30) • Digital Learning infrastructure, ensuring a safe and secure IT environment (\$30) • Performing Arts program which provides every student with access to musical instruments which are maintained and upgraded (\$30) 	\$211.00
Year 4 Online Subscriptions Essential Assessments (\$9.00), Seesaw (\$8.50), Wushka (\$10.00)	\$27.50
Printing and photocopying of learning materials	\$10.00
Life Education Program (Foundation to Year 5)	\$15.50
Gymnastics (Whole school program run in Term 3 for 3.5 days for 5 weeks)	\$31.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
Sporting Schools Victoria Fees	\$5.00
First aid supplies	\$20.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$100.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$100.00
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$150.00
Total Amount	\$



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Boroondara Park Primary School 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.

The following extra- curricular items and activities will be placed onto Sentral for approval and payment via Qkr! throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School Yearbook	\$TBA
Optional excursions to be scheduled	\$TBA
Optional Camps (Year 2 to 6 only)	\$TBA
Optional Interschool Sport (Year 5 and 6 only)	\$TBA
Optional Swimming (Whole school) Term 4	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Cost savings options available at the school, such as second-hand uniform, loan of school resources e.g., iPads

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

Shannon Reeve – Assistant Principal (Acting)

Phone: 03 9857 5157 Email: boroondara.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Qkr!, Bpay (request you Bpay code from the school office), Eftpos, Cash at the office

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.