



22 October 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Bundoora Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bundoora Primary 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. 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 is 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:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Science, the Arts, Physical Education, Discovery, ICT, and Auslan.
- Maintain and develop the school grounds.
- Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities.
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books.
- Provide hands-on mathematics equipment.
- Facilitate literacy and maths online digital subscriptions.
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies.
- Supply classroom consumables.
- Offer special curriculum experiences
- New library books and maintain existing library books
- Offer effective first aid for students.

We greatly appreciate your support as our exceptional programs and opportunities for children are possible in part due to this generosity.

Payments will be available via Compass from 29 January 2026, and families will be notified through Compass once the payment portal is open.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sherrin Strathairn

Principal

Dayna Rixon

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Student supplies (educational items for the student's own use) Dotted thirds writing books, scrapbooks, glue sticks, erasers, ruler, sharpener, scissors, writing pencils, pens, coloured pencils, red checking pencil, Blu Tac, A3 cartridge paper, landscape dotted thirds paper, cover paper, sheet protectors, maths equipment, book, boxes.	\$ 85.00
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nessy • Essential Assessment • PAT Reading • PAT Maths • Inquisitive • Typing Tournament 	\$ 80.00
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$ 50.00
Class novels/take home books	\$ 25.00
Classroom consumables, materials and equipment for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, Performing Arts, Physical Education, ICT, Science • Mathematics • English • Classroom materials 	\$100.00
Printing and photocopying of learning materials	\$ 10.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$350.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$ 10.00
Student wellbeing programs	\$ 10.00
First aid equipment	\$ 10.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$ 10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 40.00

Tax deductible contributions	
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Parents can donate an amount of their choice.	\$

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

Bundoora 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.



Financial Support for Families

Bundoora 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)
- 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:

Kristina Smith, Business Manager Ph: 03 9467 2601 | Email: kristina.smith@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$350.00
Other Contributions	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i> \$ 40.00
	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i> \$
Total	\$

Payment methods

Several payment methods are available including Compass, in person or by phone and direct deposit. Payment plans for extra-curricular items and activities can be established with Kristina Smith. Further details of payment methods and options are below.

Option A	Compass – This form of payment is done through the Compass portal
Option B	In-person or by phone – Cash or credit card
Option C	Direct Deposit – Funds may be credited to our school bank account. It is essential that you include your code (same as your compass ID) or Student Name and a brief description of what the payment is for e.g., “BAR0002 Voluntary Contributions,” or “WAR0774 Grade 5/6 Camp.” Commonwealth Bank Australia (CBA) BSB: 063 246 Account Number: 1006 0255

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.