

# PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2025

## PARENT/CARER PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2025

Understand how we use your financial contributions to deliver inclusive, high-quality learning experiences, support student wellbeing and maintain our facilities.

Dear Belvy Families,

We would like to share some important information from the BPPS School Council regarding 'Parent Payment Arrangements' (previously referred to as school fees). The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you understand how school funding works. Your tax-deductible donations and contributions support our school's high standards for resources, enriched learning experiences and school facilities.

Parent/carer contributions play a direct and significant role in shaping the educational, specialist, and extracurricular programs that BPPS offers. These contributions are crucial as we continuously strive to enhance the quality and diversity of experiences available to our students. We are fortunate and deeply appreciative to have a community where most parents/carers have a solid understanding of how funding works and generously contribute on this basis.

### Your contributions directly impact the following initiatives at Belvedere Park Primary School:

#### CURRICULUM RESOURCES

We provide high-quality, evidence-aligned instructional practices. Each classroom contains a range of hands-on manipulatives to support learning in Numeracy, and engaging, quality Literacy resources.

#### DIGITAL DEVICES

Our school leases devices to save families from having to purchase their own. We supply school managed laptops for Foundation-Year 6 to support classroom learning.

#### QUALITY LITERATURE (LIBRARY FUND)

Your contributions help provide high-quality literature for all classrooms and our library, enriching the learning experience for every student.

#### STEM PROGRAMS

Our STEM program is supported by a specialist teacher with a dedicated learning space, equipped with a 3D printer, robotics and coding equipment. The crEATe building offers a dedicated area for Science.

#### FACILITIES AND GROUNDSPERSON

Our grounds and facilities are maintained to the highest standard by our dedicated groundsperson. This ensures all school equipment is maintained to meet the required OH&S standards.

#### WELLBEING SUPPORT

**TIER 1** – whole school wellbeing interventions to help create a positive, inclusive, and supportive school climate.  
**TIER 2** – supports students with emerging or moderate health concerns.  
**TIER 3** – targeted and crisis health response.





# Belvedere Park Primary School

## Parent Payments 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

The School Council and staff are extremely excited and looking forward to the teaching and learning planned for 2025. Belvedere Park Primary School Council approved the following Parent Payment Curriculum Contributions for 2025. BPPS makes every effort to keep curriculum contributions and activities to a minimum and affordable for all families.

### Payment Method

PLEASE NOTE: PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT IS VIA THE COMPASS PORTAL USING CREDIT CARD/EFTPOS

We would appreciate your payment by 29th January 2025.

If paying cash please complete the Course Confirmation on Compass for EACH student and select 'pay in person at the office'. Print the payment summary and present it to the school office for payment.

If you require assistance with Compass please contact the school office.

Parents/Carers may choose to pay in 4 instalments, if doing so the dates for the instalments are as follows;

**1st Instalment 19th November 2024**

**2nd Instalment 28th January 2025**

**3rd Instalment 18th March 2025**

**4th Instalment 19th May 2025**

### Financial Support for Families

We understand that some families may experience financial difficulty so we offer a range of support options, including:

- Schools Saving Bonus
- Second-Hand Uniform sales
- Camps Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) for valid Centrelink Card holders.
- State Schools Relief

Support for families experiencing hardship is available. For family payment arrangements/instalments or assistance with accessing the above services please contact Bridene Forrest (Business Manager) or the school office on 9786 3205 or

[belvedere.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:belvedere.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### **CURRICULUM AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>
Stationery	\$110	\$80	\$80	\$100	\$100	\$105	\$105
Classroom Consumables	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65
Digital Learning Platforms	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$190</b>	<b>\$190</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>\$220</b>	<b>\$220</b>
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
These contributions enable BPPS to enhance the quality and diversity of educational experiences and improve the facilities and safety for our students (as explained on page 1.)							
<b>LIBRARY FUND</b> <i>Contributions over \$2 are tax deductible</i>	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$355</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$345</b>	<b>\$345</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$350</b>

TEMPERATURE FUND)

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES**

Extra-curricular items and activities are items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience for students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. This may include such items as, excursions, camps and school photos. The dates and costs of the various activities will be determined throughout the year and the relevant year levels advised.

### Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are 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 DET's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

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

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School Council President

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School Council Treasurer

# 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.