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Dear Parents and Carers,

Brunswick South West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Brunswick South West Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Victorian Government schools such as BSWPS provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. However, the department funding alone is not sufficient to provide for all of the education and support programs that the school provides. For this we rely on voluntary financial contributions from our families. The ongoing support of our families ensures that we will continue to offer the best possible education and support for every child at BSWPS.

Voluntary contributions have enabled us to continue with upgrades to our building and grounds including playgrounds and air conditioners in classrooms as well as purchasing new books, furniture, and shelving for our library. Without your contributions, many of these things may not be possible.

Please find attached BSWPS's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2026, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide.

Although most families make a voluntary payment, there are other ways of supporting the school such as through fundraising or volunteering your time. We want to thank you for all your support, this has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

Principal

School Council President

GRADE 3 and 4 2026 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables (including specialist), materials & equipment. • Classroom materials and equipment • Visual Arts – paint, clay, plasticine, portfolio, textile materials, pencils, textas • Chinese Language • Science materials, recycled materials, craft paper, baking goods and general materials • Gardening Program • Sports - equipment	$150
Digital and Online Subscriptions. • Active Learn, StoryBox Library, Cyber Safety, Essential Assessment (3-6), PAT Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar, Talking the Talk	$120
Technology – Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals, and ICT (e.g., devices owned by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance, server/system costs)	$60
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	**$350**

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
School Grounds and Kitchen Garden **Suggested $100**	$
Student Wellbeing programs SWPBS, Wren Room, Engagement Programs, Resources **Suggested $100**	$
Family Assistance Fund Assisting families with payments of camps, excursions and other activities. **Suggested $100**	$
Shared Laptop - only if choosing not to participate in the BYOD program **Suggested $200**	$
Tax deductible contributions	
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. **Suggested $100**	**$**
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure. **Suggested $100**	**$**
Total Other Contributions	**$**

Educational items for students to own.

Netbook Program Year 3 – 6

BSWPS has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program from year 3 to year 6.

The preferred model for 2026 is the **Lenovo 500w 2-in-1 Gen 5 - 12.2" N150 8GB 128GB.**

Students cannot bring any other models or devices to school.

We recommend you purchase from **Learning With Technologies** (LWT) for your child to individually own and use. Please click on the link below to purchase:

https://brunswickswps.orderportal.com.au/

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

Brunswick South West 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. These are provided on a user pays basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please pay and consent payment on Compass when advised.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Water Safety Program – Foundation to Year 6 BSWPS will contribute to the program as part of its free Swimming in Schools funding. Parents are requested to pay for the number of days not covered by the Swimming in Schools funding and bus costs.	$TBC
Grade 2 Sleepover	The cost of attending these activities will be advised via Compass
Grade 1 Bedtime Story Night	
Optional excursions/incursions as scheduled. The cost of these activities will be advised once known	
Other Higher Level sport competition – swimming, athletics, cross country, basketball etc (dependant on selection)	
Grade 6 Graduation	
School Photographs – price dependant on package purchased by family	
	Paid to photo company

Financial Support for Families

Brunswick South West 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 (vis Compass)
- Family Assistance Fund – funded by family voluntary contributions to assist families with funding for camps, excursions and/or other welfare needs.

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

Anastasia Papadopoulos – Acting Business Manager
Ph: 03 9387 6886 | Email: anastasia.papadopoulos2@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category		Totals
Curriculum Contributions		$ 350
Other Contributions	*(Non-tax deductible)*	$ 300
	(Tax-deductible)	$ 200
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		$ as advised on Compass
Total		**$**

Payment methods

Compass

EFT – at school 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 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.