

Dear parent/guardian,

Birmingham Primary School is looking forward to a full year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you that Birmingham's voluntary financial contribution for 2022 will be \$160 for curriculum contributions plus \$110 per family for non-curriculum items and activities.

As one of the top performing schools in Victoria, our school payments are exceptionally low when compared to other schools and we strive to keep costs to a minimum for our families.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Curriculum Contributions

Your contributions allow us to organise and coordinate outstanding programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, science, music and physical education equipment and resources and they help us to deliver additional programs like Global Studies and languages (Italian).

Together with our exceptional classroom teaching of the core subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths we are proud of the education and support we provide to our students. We thank you for your continued support, whether that's through contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Other Voluntary Contributions

First Aid is a large component of our voluntary contribution and we have been able to provide a dedicated staff member to ensure all students have access to a trained First Aid person. We can provide this because you, our school community supports us through the voluntary contributions set out by our school council.

Facilities, maintenance and improvement contributions from parents directly assist the school funded projects. Moving into 2022, we have landscaping projects planned to create clean, sealed surfaces (such as synthetic turf, poured rubber) to provide further play spaces and to improve and maintain our ability to drain surface water from where the children like to spend their time. Final boundary fence improvements, further re-planting and significant interior painting programs are also planned throughout the year.

Schedule and Payment

Please find attached Birmingham Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2022, which includes a detailed overview of what your contributions will help us provide. Please note - for 2022 School Council has once again engaged Ross Office Supplies as the supplier for our essential student stationary items, to help you. Our families are able to order school supplies and make contribution payments online.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview attached. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ring the school.

Yours sincerely,

Trish Enzinger

Principal

Lisa Glassborow

School Council President

Student Stationery Items are purchased separately. You may choose to order them through Ross Office Supplies or to source them yourself. Please see the link in payment section on Page 3.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom Consumables, Materials & Equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science/Humanities/Inquiry • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • English – book boxes • Sports – equipment • Lote – Italian • Music • Global studies • Library 	\$160.00
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics / Math Seeds • Reading Eggs 	
<p><i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i></p>	
<p><i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></p>	
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Facilities, Maintenance & Improvements</i>	\$70.00
<i>First Aid</i>	\$40.00
Total Amount	\$270.00

Student Stationery Items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Ross Office Supplies for your child to individually own and use. You can also source these items from other stationery suppliers at your discretion.

Payment methods

Booklist items can be purchased on-line at: www.booklist.officebrands.com.au/Croydon

Please see attached instructions for ordering your child/ren's student stationery needs, curriculum items and the student and family contributions.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Birmingham 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis and will be offered throughout the year such as swimming, camps (year 3-6), excursions and incursions.

Financial Support for Families

Birmingham 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 School's Relief (applications are submitted by schools)
- Other Community Assistance Agencies (e.g: Saver Plus, St Vincent de Paul)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services contact the school to speak with one of the Principal staff.

Ph: 03 9736 3260 | Email: birmingham.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.