BAYSWATER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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2026 Financial Contributions

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bayswater South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the standard Victorian curriculum, 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. Your contributions continue to assist us in broadening the educational experience for our students. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Without your contributions, many of these things may not be possible.

Within our school, your support over the last year has allowed us to:

- Purchase new PE sports tops
- Purchase Year-level sets of take-home readers, decodable readers, and expand our class sets and library books in English, German, and other languages
- Purchase Sustainability Solar Cones
- Continue our commitment to and funding for new and upgraded ICT devices and infrastructure
- Provide extra support and well-being personnel for our students
- Continue with the setup of a German resource and support area

Our school only requests contributions for items that we believe add value to the school experience for students. The contributions go specifically towards items and activities that help improve your child's educational experience.

Please find below Bayswater South Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2026, which includes an overview of what your contributions will contribute towards.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child(ren).

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

Yours sincerely,

Bret Mottrom
Principal

Stephen Couper
School Council President

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2026 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

ITEM	Annual Cost to School per STUDENT
CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS Classroom consumables, materials & equipment. This also includes Maths, English, German, Sport/PE, Art, Music, Science Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials ICT Devices – provision of laptops to grades 3 - 6 ICT Devices – provision of iPads to grades prep - 2 Online subscriptions ○ Anton German Language Maths ○ Leseo- online German language books ○ PAT Maths & Comprehension for grades 1 -6 ○ Essential Assessment Numeracy & Literacy Whole school events - Pancake Day, German week activities	$120
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS Student wellbeing program- Buddy program First aid equipment & supplies School Sports Affiliation Engaging Literacy and Numeracy Resources School grounds maintenance Student and parent communication tool - Compass & Flexischools	$130
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED PER STUDENT	**$250**

Voluntary Parent Payments suggested per item	Annual Amount per FAMILY
Tax Deductible Building Fund (per family)	$50
Tax Deductible Library Fund (per family)	$50
TOTAL FAMILY TAXABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	$100
TOTAL CURRICULUM & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	$
TOTAL FAMILY TAXABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	$

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Curriculum Contributions
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum, including:

- Computer applications where our students have their own individual password – At Bayswater South Primary School, we use Anton, Leseo, Essential Assessment Numeracy & Literacy, PAT Maths & Comprehension
- Everyday items that your child will use in the classroom to learn the essential curriculum, such as classroom supplies, art supplies, science experiment equipment, cooking ingredients, technology materials, sports equipment, and music equipment.

Additional programs we can offer because of your contributions include productions, concerts, community nights, sports events, different club activities, wellbeing programs, robotics, and gardening.

Educational items for students to own
Bayswater South Primary School parents must purchase their own individual stationery and textbook items. The individual Year level book pack lists will be published on Compass under the Favourites menu in the coming weeks. The school recommends these stationery items for each individual student. Stationery items can be purchased from the school's preferred supplier, Melbourne Office Supplies, by following the instructions on the stationery book pack lists. Alternatively, students may purchase stationery items from other suppliers for your child to individually own and use.

Other Contributions
Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Bayswater South Primary School.

Tax Deductible Contributions
Tax-deductible contributions made per family towards the Bayswater South Primary School Building fund (to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure) and/or our Library fund (to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource).

Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) Items and Activities

Bayswater South 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, such as excursions, camps, State Schools' Spectacular, and sports competitions. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

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Payment methods
Parent contributions towards the requested payments are essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Bayswater South Primary School. Payment can be made electronically via Compass, and payment plans are available. Alternatively, payment can be made directly at the BSPS office by EFTPOS.

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.

Financial Support for Families
Bayswater South Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- State Schools Relief (SSR) is a not-for-profit organisation that supports eligible families by providing discounted or free school uniforms, school shoes, stationery, and textbooks
- BSPS Parents' Club second-hand uniform stall
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides $400 for eligible students to attend camps, sports, incursions, and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for this fund. For further information, please contact the school office
- CentrePay (available to parents receiving a regular payment from Centrelink)
- Individual payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Jacinta Smith or Dan Zielinski
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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	**Other Contributions**	**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities that 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.