



An Internationally Accredited School

4 November, 2020

## Re: Parent Payments 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Brighton Primary School offers a comprehensive education program which aims to deliver robust learning outcomes for all students. We are working hard to make our school better and stronger. While the Department of Education and Training funds a standard curriculum program, many of the highly valued programs and resources provided by Brighton Primary School go above and beyond this funding and could not be provided without the financial support of parents whose children benefit.

In order to maintain and enhance high quality teaching and learning programs and resources, School Council has approved the following 2021 parent payment charges.

Brighton Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Some of our school improvement projects currently underway this year which will also continue into next year include:

- Creating classroom libraries in all grade levels from Prep – Grade 6
- Purchasing additional literacy materials including new readers for students from Prep – Grade 6, decodable texts and Fountas & Pinnell Reading Assessment
- Purchasing new classroom furniture for all classrooms from Prep to Grade 6
- Repainting the classrooms and other learning spaces
- Repairing the slate tiles and metal roofing on the Junior and Senior Buildings

### Financial Support for Families

Brighton Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- The school's second-hand uniform shop
- State Schools Relief Fund (SSRF)
- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Diane O'Connor – Business Manager  
Phone: 03 9592 0177 Email: [diane.oconnor@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:diane.oconnor@education.vic.gov.au)



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### Payment Methods

We would appreciate payment by 16 December, 2020. Parent payments and contributions are made via the Compass portal through Course Confirmations/School Payments module in Compass. Parent Payment Plans are also available in three payments

- 16 December, 2020.
- 1 February, 2021
- 1 March, 2021

### Refunds

Refunds will be worked out on a case by case basis. Brighton Primary has the discretion to provide refunds to families and will do so where it is reasonable and fair (for example, if the school has not incurred a cost).

If the school has incurred costs, the school will act reasonably and take into consideration the Financial Help for Families Policy and relevant arrangements, including support for families experiencing hardship. For example, the schools will consider refunding families for unavoidable event cancellations if a family experiences a crisis or sudden serious illness and the student can no longer attend the event (and a medical certificate is provided).

When the school provides a refund, the family will need to advise their bank account details in writing and the funds will be electronically transferred.

Brighton Primary School Refund Policy

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

Yours sincerely,

Steve Meade

Principal

Clara Robertson

School Council President



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### FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR YEAR 6

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional & Voluntary Items for your child. Brighton Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Parent Payment Charges	Amount
<b>Parent Payment Charges</b>	
Essential Student Learning Items	\$132.00
Optional-Supported Classroom Materials & Resources	\$305.00
Voluntary financial contribution	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$937.00</b>

#### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>LITERACY ONLINE LEARNING SUBSCRIPTIONS</b> including ACER English \$3, PM Gems \$7, Brainpop \$7 and other online literacy support materials like eBooks, Oliver, Overdrive and Storybox \$8	\$25.00
<b>MATHEMATICS ONLINE LEARNING SUBSCRIPTIONS</b> including ACER Math \$3 and Mathletics \$13	\$16.00
<b>TECHNOLOGY ONLINE LEARNING SUBSCRIPTIONS:</b> including Seesaw \$8 and Smart Linkages \$13	\$21.00
<b>ART, DRAMA &amp; MUSIC:</b> including Art & Craft materials over & above standard curriculum like performance & festival materials	\$40.00
<b>LOTE:</b> consumable materials including cooking ingredients	\$8.00
<b>SCIENCE</b> includes flour, sugar, eggs, baking powder and other cooking materials	\$7.00
Extraordinary printing costs for student presentations	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$132.00</b>

#### Optional Items

Brighton Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.



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Optional Supported Classroom Materials & Resources	Amount
<p><b>PE Program – Equipment &amp; Supplies</b>            This contribution covers equipment for the program such as balls for team games, ribbons for Swimming and Athletics carnivals, venue hire for Swimming and Athletics carnivals and registration for Seaside Sports Association.</p>	<b>\$20</b>
<p><b>Information Technology Programs</b>            This contribution assists with the upkeep and upgrading of digital learning environment and subscriptions to providers. It also covers additional technical support, above the Department funded support level.</p> <p><b>Hardware</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Laptop computer banks for classrooms</li> <li>• Provision of iPad tablets banks for classrooms</li> <li>• Provision of iPads in specialist subjects</li> <li>• Provision of iPad protective cases for devices</li> <li>• Provision of iPad apps</li> <li>• Provision of headphones for all devices</li> <li>• Provision of iPad mobile device management (MDM)</li> <li>• Provision of device storage stations for all devices</li> <li>• Provision of printers and supplies</li> <li>• Provision of Spheros (coding robots)</li> <li>• Provision of TVs in all classrooms and other learning spaces</li> <li>• General maintenance of all hardware including repairs and replacements</li> </ul> <p><b>Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance/upgrades of server and network</li> <li>• Maintenance/upgrades of Wireless Access Points</li> </ul> <p><b>Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to printing for all students</li> </ul>	<b>\$110</b>
<p><b>Enhancing Learning – Literacy &amp; Numeracy</b>            Literacy, Numeracy and Science Resources to enhance student learning- Reading material for home and classroom use and equipment to support the numeracy, literacy and science curriculum require a significant commitment of funds to enable replacement of resources. Literacy is essential for the success of our students. We are working hard to strengthen literacy at Brighton Primary School. This contribution assists with the additional reading and writing resources and professional learning provided to enhance student literacy learning. Examples include: new reading assessment tools like Fountas &amp; Pinnell Reading Assessment and guided reading texts as well as professional development like Write 2 Read and Fountas &amp; Pinnell Reading Assessment training.</p>	<b>\$100</b>
<p><b>Council of International Schools &amp; Primary Years Program Memberships</b>            Brighton Primary School is proud to be internationally accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and authorised to deliver the Primary Years Program of the IB. This fee contributes to the CIS and IB PYP membership and authorisation of the rigorous set of standards and practices to ensure the quality of the program.</p>	<b>\$35</b>
<p><b>Graduation</b></p>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>





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## Voluntary Contributions

Brighton Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible	Suggested Voluntary Contribution		Amount
<b>School Nurse</b> - This service <b>is not</b> provided by most Government Primary schools and is entirely dependent on Parent funding. We have a fully qualified Nurse on duty every day, seeing on average 30-40 students each day across all year levels. The role ensures teachers are not managing student's medical needs on a daily basis and can continue to focus on student learning. While many schools have a trained first aid assistant, our school has a fully qualified nurse.	No	\$100	Other	
<b>Library Fund - Tax Deductible</b> School Council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Library Fund. These are funds that are set aside to purchase new & exciting books & furniture to satisfy the interests of all students and create a passion for reading which supports our focus on literacy.	Yes	\$100	Other	
<b>Building Fund - Tax Deductible</b> School Council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund. Your voluntary contribution to the building fund is a vital contribution to our schools ongoing building plan. Your tax deductible contribution helps to upgrade our facilities (These include painting classrooms, new classroom furniture, gymnasium improvements, air-conditioners & carpet replacement). These funds are set aside for specific purposes and cannot be used otherwise.	Yes	\$200	Other	
<b>Grounds Levy</b> Weekly grounds maintenance. We receive minimal funds for grounds maintenance from the Department of Education. This contribution assists to provide a safe and well maintained grounds for our school community. We have employed a part time grounds person and are very fortunate that such pride is taken ensuring a safe and lovely environment for our children.	No	\$100	Other	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$500.00</b>

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.