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26 October 2021

Dear Parents

Re: Parent Payments 2022

Brighton Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and we would like to advise you of the school's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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

As we work hard to make our school better and stronger we would like to continue to offer a comprehensive educational program to deliver robust learning outcomes and support for all our students. The ongoing support of our families will ensure this, and we sincerely thank you for all your support, whether through voluntary contributions, fundraising events or volunteering time. This has made a significant difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Some of our school improvement projects currently underway which we will continue into 2022 include:

- Enhancing our classroom libraries in all grade levels;
- Purchasing additional literacy materials including new readers for students and decodable reading texts;
- Purchasing new classroom furniture – we added classroom libraries and new tables & chairs this year and plan to add new classroom storage facilities for students, ottoman seating, a classroom library rug and other accessories;
- Painting the classroom spaces that have not yet been repainted
- The installation of an AV Media System in our gymnasium to enhance the student experience during assemblies and other performances.

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

Yours sincerely,

Steve Meade - Principal

Geraldine de Fina - School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum PREP-GRADE 6	Amount
LITERACY ONLINE LEARNING SUBSCRIPTIONS: Including ACER English \$3, Brainpop \$8 and other online literacy support materials like eBooks, Oliver, Overdrive and Storybox \$9, Nessy Reading \$2	\$22.00
MATHEMATICS ONLINE LEARNING SUBSCRIPTIONS: including ACER Math \$3 and Mathletics \$13	\$16.00
TECHNOLOGY ONLINE LEARNING SUBSCRIPTIONS: Including Seesaw \$9, Smart Linkages \$14, Cybersafety digital technologies \$3	\$26.00
ART, DRAMA & MUSIC: Including Art & Craft materials over & above standard curriculum like performance & festival materials	\$40.00
LOTE: Consumable materials including cooking ingredients	\$8.00
SCIENCE: Includes flour, sugar, eggs, baking powder and other cooking materials	\$7.00
Extraordinary printing costs for student presentations	\$15.00
Total Amount	\$134.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objective. The Department funds a standard curriculum program, this excludes many of the highly valued programs run by Brighton Primary School. While contributions are strictly voluntary, <u>without sufficient parent contributions we would not be able to continue to run these programs or provide these resources</u>	Amount
<p>A. School Nurse: \$100 per student This service is not provided by most Government Primary schools and is entirely dependent on Parent funding. We have a fully qualified Nurse on duty every day from 9.00 - 4.00 pm, seeing on average 30-40 students each day across all year levels. The role ensures teachers are not managing Students' 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. Role of our Nurse include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing First Aid/Materials ▪ Allergy and anaphylactic medication and action plan management ▪ One on one treatment discussions with Parents/Guardians ▪ Regular training on epipen, asthma and first aid ▪ Manage short term medication (i.e. Antibiotics) ▪ Contagious infections notifications (i.e. Covid-19, headlice etc) ▪ Other health and wellbeing management 	\$100.00



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<p>B. Digital Student Assessment Tools: \$20 per student This contribution covers the electronic student assessment tools we use to measure and enhance student learning. These assessments include: Essential Assessment, Compass, & Pat maths, Pat Comprehension & reading assessment programs</p>	<p>\$20.00</p>
<p>C. PE Program – Equipment & Supplies: \$20 per student 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>	<p>\$20.00</p>
<p>D. Information Technology Programs: \$110</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. Hardware - Provision of Laptop computer banks for classrooms - Provision of iPad tablets banks for classrooms - Provision of iPads in specialist subjects - Provision of iPad protective cases for devices - Provision of iPad apps - Provision of headphones for all devices - Provision of iPad mobile device management (MDM) - Provision of device storage stations for all devices - Provision of printers and supplies - Provision of Spheros (coding robots) - Provision of TVs in all classrooms and other learning spaces - General maintenance of all hardware including repairs and replacements 	<p>\$110.00</p>
<p>Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintenance/upgrades of server and network - Maintenance/upgrades of Wireless Access Points 	
<p>Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to printing for all students 	<p>\$100.00</p>
<p>E. Enhancing Literacy Learning: \$100 per student 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 & Pinnell Reading Assessment and guided reading texts as well as professional development like Write 2 Read and Fountas & Pinnell Reading Assessment training.</p>	
<p>F. Primary Years Program Memberships Brighton Primary School authorised to deliver the Primary Years Program of the IB. This fee contributes to the IB PYP membership and authorisation of the rigorous set of standards and practices to ensure the quality of the program.</p>	<p>\$35.00</p>



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<p>G. Grounds Contribution 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.</p>	<p>\$100.00</p>
<p>Total Amount</p>	<p>\$485.00</p>

Tax deductible contributions	
<p>Building fund: \$200 - A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. 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-conditioner & carpet replacement). These funds are set aside for specific purpose and cannot be used otherwise</p>	<p>\$200</p>
<p>Library fund. \$100 - 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 interest of all students and create a passion for reading which supports our focus on literacy</p>	<p>\$100</p>
<p>Total Amount</p>	<p>\$300</p>

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Brighton 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<p>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-pay basis</p>		



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These items include excursions/activities, Graduation, School-based performances, productions and events (unless it is part of the curriculum), school magazines and class photographs.

The cost per student varies dependent on year level and activities.

Graduation – Grade 6 - \$45.00 per student	\$45	
School Sports Victoria membership	\$5	
Optional Interschool Sports program to be scheduled	TBA	
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
Other optional activities to be scheduled	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$50.00

Financial Support for Families

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

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

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Diane O'Connor – Business Manager

Ph: 03 9592 0177 | Email: diane.oconnor@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category - Prep – Grade 5	
Curriculum Contributions (suggested amount)	\$134.00
Other Contributions (suggested amount)	\$785.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Grade Prep-Grade 5 (suggested amount)	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$924.00



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Category - Grade 6	
Curriculum Contributions (suggested amount)	\$134.00
Other Contributions (suggested amount)	\$785.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Grade 6 (suggested amount)	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$969.00

Payment methods

We would appreciate payment by 8 December 2021. Parent payments and contributions are made via the Compass portal through Course Confirmations/School Payments module in Compass. Parents may also choose to make payment contributions on the suggested dates.

8 December 2021

4 February 2022

4 March 2022

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.