

GRADE PREP PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2021

6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to you, our valued parent community, to ask for your annual financial contribution towards your children's education for 2021.

At Bacchus Marsh Primary School we pride ourselves on providing your children with a varied, stimulating learning environment. While Bacchus Marsh Primary School receives government funding to provide your children with an education, these funds cover only the basics. Critical learning resources, including those supporting our numeracy and literacy programs, as well as our specialist subjects like our kitchen, garden and science and technology programs, are not funded by the Government. Your children's access to these highly valued learning experiences depends on parent contributions.

The vast majority of our school community provide these contributions. A low response would affect our ability to offer the standard of education we believe your children deserve. All government schools ask for such contributions from parents.

We make all efforts to ensure these costs are kept to an absolute minimum. Our aim is to make it as easy as possible for you to contribute, and we are very happy to provide you with flexible payment options. Please get in contact with Matt Smitten (03 5367 2745, matthew.smitten@education.vic.gov.au) if you would prefer alternative payment arrangements. Payments can be made by cash, EFTPOS, BPay or via the QKR app. Centrepay is also available to recipients of Centrelink payments.

We group parent contributions into the following categories:

- Essential student learning items, including the backpack and other consumable resources
- Subject contributions, which includes other crucial learning resources
- Tax deductible donations, including contributions to our library and building funds
- Optional, ad hoc contributions, including camps, excursions, incursions, school magazine, etc. These items will be invoiced throughout the year as required

On page 3 and 4 we have provided some detail about how we calculate and allocate these crucial parent contributions. The Bacchus Marsh Primary School parent payment policy is included on our website, and there is further detail on the Department of Education's website.

Yours sincerely,



Melinda Williams
Principal



Lachlan Hodgson
School Council President

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Whilst payment is not required until the start of the 2021 school year, parents are provided with the option to pay their school fees prior to the end of term 4, 2020. Full payment is due by Friday 29th January 2021.

Due to COVID19 the process for distribution of book packs will be confirmed via COMPASS prior to the end of Term 4.

The preferred method of payment for 2021 charges is by QKR or BPAY

Payment Options

Option	Due Date
Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 29th January 2021 - Full payment due
Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please make contact with the Business Manager to arrange an alternative instalment plan.

Payment Methods

- QKR (our preferred method)
- BPay – your individual reference number is on your Family Statement
- Direct Deposit – bank account details are found on your Family Statement
- EFTPOS is available at the office
- Centrepay instalments – for eligible families (see below)
- CASH/CHEQUE

Family support options

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has again committed to providing eligible students with Camps, Sports & Excursion funds (CSEF). **These funds are paid to the school to use towards excursions, incursions and camps for eligible students.** To be eligible for the funding, a parent or legal guardian must be the holder of a current Healthcare card or Pension card, or be a temporary foster parent on the first day of Term 1 or Term 2. Parents who are eligible for CSEF will be required to complete a CSEF application form and submit it to the office as early as possible in 2021. Applications close at the end of Term 2, 2021.

Centrepay

Centrepay is a free bill paying service offered by Centrelink to help recipients of Centrelink payments arrange regular deductions for payment of ongoing expenses and regular bills. Should you wish to participate in this, please speak with a member of the administration team in the General Office.

State Schools Relief provide uniform support for Prep students who are CSEF recipients. Please see the State School Relief page on the Department of Education and Training website or see the office for more information

BOOK PACK ITEMS

On payment of this charge, the school will provide a pack which will include:

- 1 x Oxford University Press Handwriting for VIC 3rd Edition Prep Elske Brown
- 1 x Buddee BD903032-BK Premium Volume Limited Headphones Black/Silver
- 1 x Kluwell Publications Kluwell My Home Reading Yellow Level Junior 2nd Ed Andrew Coldwell
- 1 x Officemax Blunt End Scissors Right Handed 130mm Red
- 1 x Faber-Castell Connector Pens Assorted Colours Pack of 12
- 2 x Officemax Project Books 335mm x 245mm 24mm Dotted Thirds 56gsm 64 pages
- 3 x Officemax Megaspace Scrapbook 335 x 245mm 100gsm White 64 Page
- 4 x Bostik Glu Stik 35g
- 10 x Faber-Castell Junior Triangular Graphite 2B Pencils
- 3 x Faber-Castell Grip Triangle Coloured Pencils Pack 10
- 1 x Winc Document Wallet Polypropylene A4 Button - Clear
- 1 x Bostik Blu Tack Reusable Adhesive 75G
- 1 x Office Elements Assorted Colours Whiteboard Markers 2.0-5.00mm Chisel Tip Box of 12
- 4 x Officemax A4 Exercise Book 18mm Ruled 56GSM Red Margin 48 Pages
- 1 x Winc Sheet Protector A4 Punched Box 100
- 1 x Officemax Masking Tape 18mm x 50m
- 1 x Sellotape Sticky Tape 18mm x 66m Roll
- 1 x My Alphabet Scrapbook For Victoria
- 1 x Winc Earth Insert Binder A4 2 D Ring 25mm White

Please note: Our School takes great care to minimise costs to parents by ordering in bulk, discounted stationary. Parents may choose to provide the above items themselves. If you choose to do this you must consult with the school so that your child has the right items. Please ensure that your pack is brought to the School on the 1st day of school, 2021. There may be some items or services you cannot purchase yourself. Book packs are unable to be separated.

2021 PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES – GRADE PREP

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Bacchus Marsh Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021. Parent contributions towards the voluntary payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Bacchus Marsh Primary School. Parents are strongly encouraged to contribute to these funds.

Please complete this form and return to the school by 29/01/2021 so the school can prepare accordingly.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Book Pack – An itemised list is included on page 3	\$96
Visual Arts – During Art classes students will create and experiment using a wide range of materials and equipment. Specialised materials will include items such as clay, papers and cardboard, writing tools and a wide variety of decorative supplies taken home by the children on completion of their art work	\$17
Kitchen Garden Program - Produce harvested from our garden is key to the learning philosophy of our Stephanie Alexander inspired program but a substantial portion of our produce and the vast array of groceries are purchased to resource this program that we are very proud of. Children prepare and enjoy a meal during every fortnightly kitchen session.	\$48
Online Subscriptions – Mathletics and Reading Eggs - Software / online subscriptions provided by the school under licence which is available for use by each student both at school and at home (24/7 access)	\$20
TOTAL	\$181

Voluntary Contributions

Subject Contribution	Contribution per child
Critical learning resources, including those supporting our numeracy and literacy programs, as well as our specialist subjects and STEM, science and technology maker space, are not funded by the Government. Parent contributions are vital to enable your child to have ongoing access to a varied, stimulating 21 st century learning environment.	\$200

Tax deductible contributions	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per child			Amount
Building Fund – Contributions are used to enhance our buildings and enable our School Council to provide additional play and learning spaces above those provided by the Government.	\$50	\$75	\$100	
Library Fund – Contributions are used to enhance and resource the school library.	\$50	\$75	\$100	
			TOTAL	\$

Optional Items

Bacchus Marsh 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. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
Camps, excursions and incursion as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
School Yearbook. The cost will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised

It is also requested that you provide your child with the following items:

Art smock for visual art	2 boxes of tissues for the classroom	Apron for Kitchen
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Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount_____
Subject Contribution	Amount_____
Building Fund Contribution	Amount_____
Library Fund Contribution	Amount_____
TOTAL	_____

Office use only:

Payment Method											
CASH/CHEQUE	<input type="checkbox"/>	EFTPOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	CENTREPAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	QKR	<input type="checkbox"/>	BPAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	DIRECT DEPOSIT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount Received \$ _____						Date Received: _____					