



**'Improving outcomes for every child every day'**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Bridgewood Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bridgewood's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. The ongoing support of families' contributions has enabled the school to provide valuable resources for our student's education and to participate in specialist and wellbeing programs.

Parent contributions in 2025 have supported a range of additional learning resources and facility upgrades, including the construction of a new Wellbeing Pod, additions to existing playgrounds and undercover areas, purchase of new ICT equipment, enhancing digital learning opportunities, outdoor seating and the purchase of further literacy, numeracy and sporting resources.

Looking ahead, the 2026 parent contributions will continue to play a vital role in supporting the delivery of high-quality learning experiences and maintaining an inclusive school environment. These contributions include the supply of individual student stationery packs, resources to support specialist programs including, Art, STEM, Mathematics, Sport, LOTE, Music, Performing Arts, English and Wellbeing.

To ensure families are given adequate time to plan for 2026 Bridgewood parent contributions we have provided the following information early for families. The following page provides further details on what your contribution will go towards in 2026.

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

We wish to thank you in advance for your support and look forward to another successful year of teaching and learning in 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Coffey  
Principal

Peter Woolsey  
School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i>	
• <b>Exercise books, scrapbooks, pens, pencils, textas etc</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
• <b>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
• <b>Stem – chemicals</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
• <b>Mathematics – numeracy blocks</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
• <b>English – book boxes</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
• <b>Sports – equipment</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
• <b>Printing and photocopying</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
	<b>\$170</b>
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	
<i>ICT Apps</i>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$220</b>

<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<i>Outdoor furniture / seating, drinking fountains, covered play areas</i>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<i>First aid equipment</i>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>

### **Total**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Curriculum Contributions	\$220.00
Other Contributions ( <i>Non-tax deductible</i> )	\$65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>
<b>Additional Donation – School based donation (enter amount on Compass)</b>	

### **Financial Support for Families**

Bridgewood 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 Schools Relief (SSR)**

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: *Melissa Miskowiec*, [Bridgewood.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bridgewood.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or 8766 9400.

### **Payment methods: Via Compass**

**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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.*

## 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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 which 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.