

**Bullarto Primary School**



**No. 1288**

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*Dear parent/guardian,*

*Bullarto Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bullarto Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.*

*Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, 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, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.*

*Within our school this support has allowed us to upgrade the Literacy and Numeracy resources in the school, help to partially subsidize camps & excursions for our families, upgrade furniture across the classrooms, purchase new technology equipment so all students have access to current devices, as well as being able to introduce Lego Club and Re-Cranked Programs into the school.*

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

*Yours sincerely,*

*Jo Pegg*

*Principal*

*Robin Hallett*

*School Council President*

| <b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>  | <b>Amount</b>                                    |
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| <i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy and Numeracy – cover paper, kinder squares, masking tape, sticky tape etc</li> <li>• Art – clay, materials, paint, oil pastels, cardboard, glue etc</li> <li>• STEAM – projects, sustainability, cooking etc</li> <li>• Outdoor Learning</li> <li>• PE Sports Equipment</li> </ul> | \$20.00<br>\$10.00<br>\$15.00<br>\$10.00<br>\$10 |
| <i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>   | \$10.00  |
| <i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential Assessment</li> <li>• Touch Typing</li> <li>• Sunshine Online</li> </ul>  | \$12.50<br>\$10.00<br>\$8.00                     |
| <i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>  | \$10.00  |
| <b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>  | <b>\$115.50</b>                                  |

| <b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>      | <b>Amount</b>  |
|---|----------------|
| <i>COMPASS – Student Management Systems and Parent Communication Tool</i> | \$20           |
| <i>First aid equipment</i>  | \$10           |
| <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>                        | \$50.00        |
| <b>Total Other Contributions</b>  | <b>\$80.00</b> |

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Bullarto Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of the students and are above and beyond the school provides to deliver the curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

No payment is required for these at this time – permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families at the time of the activity in 2025.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities   | Amount |
|---|--------|
| <i>School camp – Creswick Log Cabin Camp</i><br><i>Camp - \$319</i><br><i>Transport - \$30.00</i> | \$349  |
| <i>Optional Swimming beyond the free curriculum swimming</i>                                      | TBA    |
| <i>Other Excursions to be scheduled throughout the year</i>                                       | TBA    |
| <b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>  |        |

### Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Access to 3<sup>rd</sup> party support organisations (e.g. State Schools Relief)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular items and activities
- School Saving Bonus \$400

For confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Jo Pegg / Sally O’Leary

Ph. 03 53485559 Email: [Bullarto.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bullarto.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

| Category                                   | Totals   |
|--|--|
| Curriculum Contributions                   | \$115.50   |
| Other Contributions<br><i>(deductible)</i> | <i>(Non-tax)</i><br>\$80.00                        |
|  | <i>[parent to complete] (Tax-deductible)</i><br>\$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities      | \$349.00<br>\$TBA                                  |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$</b>  |

### Payment methods

- *Cash*
- Direct deposit  
Account Name – Bullarto Primary School  
BSB: 157122631  
Acc. Number: 157122631  
Reference: Child's Name Parent Payment

### 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

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### 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-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.