



Birregurra Primary School

'Living & Learning Together'

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student in our school. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. With the ongoing support from our broader school community, we can provide a one-to-one digital learning device for all students Prep through to Grade 6.

At Birregurra Primary School, we design and develop our learning and teaching programs by drawing on the best educational knowledge and practices. Our goal is to provide students with broad and enriched opportunities that go beyond the requirements of the standard curriculum and government funding.

We would like to express our gratitude for your support, whether it's through fundraising or volunteering your time. Your contribution has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we are able to offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jessica Kattwinkel

Principal

Rob Lidgerwood

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Prep to Year 2 students will be issued with the following classroom consumables, materials and equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise books – dotted thirds/ lined (size dependent on year level) • Readers & Writers Notebooks • Display folders • Scrapbooks • Handwriting textbook (P-2) • 2B/HB pencils • Twistable crayons (P-2) • Pencil case / pencil boxes (dependent on Year level) • Pencil sharpener, eraser, glue sticks, scissors and ruler • Coloured textas • Coloured paper A3 and A4 • Cover paper A3 and A4 • Student communication / reading diary • Clear sticky tape / masking tape • Whiteboard markers (for use with mini whiteboards) • Highlighters • Book boxes 	\$ 85.00
<p>Materials for Specialist Subjects: books, resources, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Art \$20 - PE \$10 - LOTE \$10 - STEAM \$15 	\$ 55.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10.00
<p>Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathseeds \$17.00 • Decodable Readers Australia Online Library \$18.00 	\$ 35.00
<p>Technology Contribution Assists with the cost of technology in the school. This contribution provides provision for the upkeep and upgrading of digital learning devices and headphones for student use.</p>	\$ 20.00
<p>P-2 School Events (These events are a required element of the school's Curriculum. All students are expected to attend.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming & Water Safety Program (8 weeks, including entry & transport) 	\$ 80.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p>Facilities Contribution Maintenance and improvement of outdoor equipment, grounds and school buildings.</p>	\$ 20.00
SUMMARY OF PARENT PAYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 285.00
Other Contributions	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 305.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Birregurra Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Excursion as scheduled throughout 2025 - \$40.00 (approx.)	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 40.00 TBA

Financial Support for Families

Birregurra 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)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Welfare and support agencies that have established partnership arrangements with schools to provide further assistance to students and their families.

Birregurra Primary School will always exercise sensitivity to the differing financial circumstances of individual students and their families. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Kate Leigh – Business Manager Ph: 03 5236 2222 | Email: kate.leigh@education.vic.gov.au.

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 285.00
Other Contributions	\$ 20.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities for Prep-2	\$ 40.00*
Total	\$ 345.00

*To be advised

Payment methods- BPay, Direct Deposit, Parent Payment Plan, Cash, EFTPOS, Credit Card via XUNO

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.

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.