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BIRREGURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL *Parent Payment Arrangements 2021*

Dear Parent/Carer,

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 parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Birregurra Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Payment Methods

BPay, Direct Deposit, Parent Payment Plan, Cash

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 – Families who qualify with a health care card may access CSEF funding towards camps, swimming, and excursions. Application for this will be required each year and parents will be advised when applications are accepted. For each Primary school student who qualifies, the school will receive \$125.00 which will be credited towards camps, sport, swimming and excursions.
- State Schools Relief - State Schools’ Relief provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist), on the advice of the school. Schools are able to submit an application directly, whenever they believe there is a need to support a student whose family/carers are facing difficulty in providing the appropriate uniform, footwear or educational items for attending school.
- Welfare and support agencies that have established partnership arrangements with schools to provide further assistance to students and their families.

Birregurra Primary School will exercise sensitivity at all times 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:

Jessica Kattwinkel Ph.: 03 52362222 | Email: birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Department’s Parent Payment Policy please see overview attached.

Yours Sincerely

Jessica Kattwinkel
Acting Principal

Kirsty Roberts
School Council President



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The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.

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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.



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Fee schedule

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child.

Birregurra Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021. Our school is extremely grateful to parents for making 'Voluntary' payments which help to ensure our Technology devices and services, and buildings and grounds remain in an exceptional standard. **Parents may choose to pay any or all of the below Voluntary Payments.** Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.



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ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS	
<p><u>Educational Support Material - Foundation to Year 2 students will be issued with the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise books – dotted thirds/ lined (size dependent on Year level) • Display folders • Scrapbooks • Writing time handwriting book (F-2) • 2B/HB pencils • Twistable crayons (F-2) • Pencil case / pencil boxes (dependent on Year level) • Pencil Sharpener, eraser, glue sticks, scissors and ruler • Coloured Textas • White photocopying paper A4 and A3 • Coloured paper A3 and A4 • Student Communication / Reading Diary • Clear sticky Tape / Masking Tape • Whiteboard markers (for use with mini whiteboards) • Highlighters • Book box • Cover paper A3 and A4 • Tissues • Consumables for STEAM: icy pole sticks, coloured match sticks, pasta 	\$ 123.00
Materials for Specialist Subjects including Italian / Library/ Music: exercise books, visual diary, ‘Active Hands on Learning’ materials	\$ 25.00
Cost of student consumables for the MACC van Craft paper, Glitter, Crayons, Paint	\$ 25.00
Ingredients for classroom cooking activities Flour, Oil, Sugar, Eggs, Butter, Baking soda, Other Ingredients	\$ 15.00
<u>Annual Online Educational Subscriptions</u> Sunshine Online (F-2)	\$12.00
<i>Birregurra Primary School offers a range of optional activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.</i>	
P-2 Swimming program	To be advised
Excursions as scheduled throughout 2021	To be advised
VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
<p>Technology Contribution The Technology Contribution assists with the cost of technology in the school – hardware, software, digital learning devices (i.e. interactive whiteboards, digital cameras, computers and tablets). This contribution also assists with the upkeep and upgrading of digital learning devices, subscriptions to providers etc.</p>	\$ 20.00
<p>Facilities Contribution Used for the maintenance of outdoor equipment, grounds and school buildings.</p>	\$ 20.00
SUMMARY OF PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES	
Essential Education Items	\$200.00
Voluntary Financial Contribution	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$240.00



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ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS	
<u>Educational Support Material – Year 3 to Year 6 students will be issued with the following:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise books – dotted thirds/ lined (size dependent on Year level) • Display folders • Scrapbooks • Soundwaves student book (3-6) • 2B/HB pencils • Blue, black, red pens (3-6) • Coloured pencils (3-6) • Pencil case / pencil boxes (dependent on Year level) • Pencil Sharpener, eraser, glue sticks, scissors and ruler • Coloured Textas • White photocopying paper A4 and A3 • Coloured paper A3 and A4 • Student Communication / Reading Diary • Clear sticky Tape / Masking Tape • Whiteboard markers (for use with mini whiteboards) • Highlighters • Book box • Cover paper A3 and A4 • Tissues • Consumables for STEAM: icy pole sticks, coloured match sticks, pasta 	\$ 120.00
Materials for Specialist Subjects including Italian / Library / Music: exercise books, visual diary, ‘Active Hands on Learning’ materials	\$ 25.00
Cost of student consumables for the MACC van Craft paper, Glitter, Crayons, Paint	\$ 25.00
Ingredients for classroom cooking activities Flour, Oil, Sugar, Eggs, Butter, Baking soda, Other Ingredients	\$ 15.00
<u>Annual Online Educational Subscriptions</u> Mangahigh - Mathematics program (3-6)	\$15.00
OPTIONAL ITEMS	
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Camps & Excursions as scheduled throughout 2021	To be advised
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