

**PARENT PAYMENTS 2026**

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

As we prepare for another exciting year of learning at Barnawartha Primary School, we invite you to consider making a voluntary financial contribution to support your child's education in 2026.

While schools provide free instruction aligned with the Victorian Curriculum, your contributions play a vital role in enriching our students' learning experience. Thanks to the generosity of families like yours, we're able to offer enhanced programs, updated resources, and a more vibrant school environment that benefits every child.

We deeply appreciate the many ways our families support the school, whether through fundraising, volunteering, or financial contributions. Every effort makes a meaningful difference, and we are truly grateful.

If you are in a position to contribute this year, we kindly encourage you to do so. Your support helps us continue delivering the high-quality education and care our students deserve.

For further details, please refer to the attached one-page overview of the Department's Parent Payments Policy.

Yours sincerely,

*Lisa van Noordennen*

*Principal*

*Ben Boudroukas*

*School Council President*

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Senior Room (Year 5/6)</b></p> <p><i>classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Math text Book (\$15.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Spelling Text Book (\$ 10.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Stationery Supplies- (\$40.00) exercise books for each subject, pens, pencils, glue, coloured pencils, textas, crayons, scissors, erasers, sharpeners, portfolio folders, drawing books, art supplies, etc. (This equates to approximately \$10 per term)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics (\$25.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggspress (\$25.00)</i></li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middle Room (Year 3/4)</b></p> <p><i>classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Math text Book (\$15.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Spelling Text Book (\$10.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Stationery Supplies- (\$40.00) exercise books for each subject, pens, pencils, glue, coloured pencils, textas, crayons, scissors, erasers, sharpeners, portfolio folders, drawing books, art supplies, etc. (This equates to approximately \$10 per term)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics (\$ 25.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggspress (\$ 25.00)</i></li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Junior Room (Year F/1/2)</b></p> <p><i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Math text Book (\$15.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Stationery Supplies- (\$40.00) exercise books for each subject, pens, pencils, glue, coloured pencils, textas, crayons, scissors, erasers, sharpeners, portfolio folders, drawing books, art supplies, etc. (This equates to approximately \$10 per term)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathseeds (\$25.00)</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggs (\$25.00)</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b></p> <p><i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i></p> <p><b>Total Amount</b></p>	<p><b>Amount</b></p> <p>\$25.00</p> <p>\$</p>

### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

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

If you would like to pre purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school before the date of the activity. Otherwise all activities can be paid for prior to the event occurring.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (per student)</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
<i>School yearbook</i>	\$10.00	
<i>Robotics (2 Day incursion)</i>	\$40.00	
<i>Whole School Dinner and Movie Night (catering)</i>	\$5.00	
<i>End of Year Pool Party (includes entry and bus)</i>	\$15.00	
<i>Cultural Experience (Incursion) eg performance, visiting artist, science exhibition, animal education etc</i>	TBA	
<i>Visiting performers</i>	TBA	
<i>School Photos</i>	TBA	
<i>Year 6 T-Shirt</i>	\$40.00	
<i>Year 6 and staff Dinner, Bowling and Mini Golf</i>	\$40.00	
<b><i>Students in Year 3 to 6 Only</i></b> <i>NERSSA events (sports) The school subsidises entry to events. The cost to families is for transport by bus to and from the event only.</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Athletics carnival</i></li> <li>• <i>Swimming carnival</i></li> <li>• <i>Cross Country</i></li> <li>• <i>Winter Sport Carnival</i></li> <li>• <i>Swimming Lessons (5 lessons x \$10.00 per transport to the swim centre = \$50.00).</i></li> </ul>	\$10.00 \$10.00 \$10.00 \$10.00 \$50.00	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		\$

### **Other incidental costs that may arise throughout the year:**

**Fete (term 1)**– families can contribute to baking at our cake stalls or donating goods. We provide storage containers for free. **Raffle Tickets** – books are sold for \$20 each. **Kris Kringle gifts** - each staff and student gives a gift to the value of \$5 - \$10. **Impromptu Opportunities** - are times when opportunities for excursions or incursions arise that are too good to miss out on. Our standard travel is \$10 per student plus additional entry costs. **Special Lunch Order Days** –eg soup, hot dog, sausage sizzles, pizza. **Student Leader Fundraising Events** – Our leaders hold special fundraisers to raise money (for charities or for the school) throughout the year which will require donations and could include dressing up. **Book Week Dress Up Day** – students come dressed as a book character.

## **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment Plan – Extra curriculum items and activities can be paid for in instalments.

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

*Lisa van Noordennen*

Ph: 0250267227 mobile 0438 775 616

Email: *lisa.vannoordennen@education.vic.gov.au*

### **Total**

<b>Category</b>	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

### Payment methods

**Payment plans and financial assistance** – These **must** be established at the beginning of the year. Please contact Noelene, our Business Manager, for assistance.

### **BPAY**

**Account Name:** Barnawartha Primary School Council Official Account.

**BSB:** 063-534

**Account number:** 1010 0833

\*\*Please include your family name and event as reference. Please retain your electronic receipt number.

**In person** Payments can be made using the envelopes provided (or your own) at the front office. \*\*Please write your family name and event on the envelope

### **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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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.