



**BRUNSWICK
NORTH WEST**
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school aims to provide a high-quality learning environment catering for the needs of all students. Our wide and varied curriculum incorporating a number of specialist areas supports a whole child approach to education. We also aim to maintain and improve our facilities which support our goals of having a vibrant and active school community.

Voluntary Contributions to support core learning objectives

This section covers items we believe are core to supporting BNWPS continuing to provide your child with the very best education possible. It includes funding for materials, resources and services your child uses at school when learning the standard curriculum, but do not permanently go home with your child. This contribution includes learning area consumables (paper, pencils, food, etc), Literacy and Numeracy resources (calculators, readers, etc), sports equipment, Science & Technology equipment and much more.

Public Education remains free and families will never be charged for teacher-instruction. While voluntary curriculum contributions make the extensive education program we offer possible, your child will not be disadvantaged if you are unable to make these contribution payments.

Additional Voluntary Contributions

Each year some families seek to pay additional voluntary contributions to the school, either as a general contribution or targeted towards a particular school priority. Should your family wish to make a most welcome, additional voluntary contribution, please contact the school office.

Optional Items

These are items that enhance and broaden the schooling experience of your child beyond the standard curriculum. These items, such as camps and excursions, are not offered to the whole school and are provided on a user-pays basis. These experiences will only be charged to families if your child participates in the elected program or event. Students will not be able to participate in the activity if payment is not received. Payments are generally required prior to the event.

Tax Deductible Contributions to the School Building Fund

When making voluntary curriculum contribution payments, some families opt to donate to our School Building Fund, which raises funds to improve and maintain our grounds and facilities such as improving our basketball court, oval or chicken coop. Any donations over \$2.00 made to our School Building Fund are tax deductible and will receive a tax receipt.

Brunswick North West Primary School 2024 Parent Payment Arrangements

Voluntary Contributions General stationery & Classroom Resources Curriculum Area Consumables ICT Levy Software Subscriptions Environmental Education Resources Total (Foundation - Year 5)	 \$90.00 \$90.00 \$50.00 \$60.00 \$100.00 \$390.00
Optional Items (Year 6 only) Jumper & Graduation expenses Total (Year 6 only)	 \$60.00 \$450.00
Additional Voluntary Contributions Trevor Bowen Camp Fund School Building Fund	 Any amount - Not tax deductible Amounts over \$2 - Tax deductible

Payment Options

As always, we endeavor to keep all voluntary and optional payments as low as possible and affordable for all families and are happy to make arrangements with any families wishing to pay in installments.

2024 voluntary curriculum contributions and current optional charges will be raised on Sentral shortly. All payments can be made via **Sentral**, **BPay** or in person at the school office via **Cash** or **EFTPOS**.

To explain the changes further, we have attached the DET Parent Payment Policy one-page overview on the following page.

Please contact the school if you wish to discuss these changes or your family's financial position.

Hannah Reid
Principal

Helen Metzger
School Council President

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	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.