



BETHANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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29th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Changes to Parent Contributions to Education in 2022

Bethanga Primary School is looking forward to another great year of Teaching and Learning in 2022 and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions moving forward.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to ensure 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.

Our priority is our students. We will always endeavour to deliver a curriculum that is varied, inclusive and is enhanced with real life experiences where possible. The support of our families is paramount, and we wholeheartedly appreciate the support shown thus far whether it be through financial contributions, participating in our fundraising events or volunteering your time.

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

Although any financial contribution is not required prior to the 2022 school year, we ask that these forms be filled out and returned to the school no later than 30th November. Once we have this information, we will return forms to families for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require clarification or have any questions.

Kind regards,

Rachel Saunders

PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bethanga Primary School

Curricular items and activities (other contributions)

The below table outlines additional costs for items and activities used to deliver the Victorian Curriculum to your child/ren:

If you would like to make a voluntary financial contribution towards some or all of these items, please tick in the 'purchase' column.

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Educational items (as per stationary list on page 3)</i>	\$75.00
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20)• Science – chemicals (\$5)• Mathematics – numeracy blocks (\$10)• English – book boxes (\$15)• Sports – equipment (\$10)	\$60.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential Assessment, my numeracy / my literacy (\$15)• Sign Planet (\$5)• Soundwaves (\$10)	\$30.00
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20.00
<i>Swimming program – entry and transport</i>	\$50.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$10.00
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$10.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$30.00
Total Amount	\$295.00

Educational Items.

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

From a school perspective, for consistency and equality, it is our preference that we purchase in bulk on behalf of families so that students all have the same books, pencils, diaries etc. However, the choice is yours. **If you would like the school to purchase these items on your behalf, please complete the form on page 5 and return to school no later than 30th November 2021.** This will ensure that items are ordered and available before the commencement of the 2022 school year (payment for Educational Items can be made between now and the commencement of term 1. See page 6 for the school's bank details).

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ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY
Student Diary	1	Student Diary	1
Exercise Book 18mm Dotted Thirds	4	Exercise Book 8mm Lined	10
Scrap Book 64 page	6	Scrap Book 64 page	4
Display Folder	1	Display Folder	1
Document Wallet	1	Document Wallet	1
Coloured Pencil Jumbo 12 pack	2	Coloured Pencil 12 pack	2
Coloured Texta 12 pack	2	Coloured Texta 12 pack	2
Twistable Crayons	2	Pencil Sharpener	1
Pencil Sharpener	1	Pen Box 12 pack	1
Triangular Grey Led Pencils 12 pack	2	Pencil Case	1
Student Scissors	1	Grey Led Pencils	1
Black Whiteboard Marker	6	Student Scissors	1
Erasers	4	Black Whiteboard Marker	6
Ruler	2	Erasers	4
Student Pencil Case	1	Ruler	2
Glue Sticks	4	Glue Sticks	4

Extra-Curricular items and activities

Bethanga 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.**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (please tick)
<i>Optional Year 6 Shirt</i>	TBA (approx. \$30)	
<i>Cluster School Excursions – these excursions occur once a term and take place at a different cluster school each term</i>	\$50.00	
<i>NERSSA school sport events (whole school)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$15) • Cross Country – entry and transport (\$15) 	\$30.00	
<i>NERSSA school sport events (Year 3-6 only)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swim Carnival – entry and transport (\$15) • Kanga Cricket – entry and transport (\$15) • Winter Sports Carnival – entry and transport (\$15) 	\$45.00	
<i>Year 6 Transition Cluster Program (Year 6 only)</i>	\$15.00	
<i>Optional 5/6 Camp to be scheduled</i>	TBA (approx. \$300)	
<i>Optional 3/4 Camp to be scheduled</i>	TBA (approx. \$180)	
<i>Optional F-2 Melbourne Day Trip</i>	TBA (approx. \$50)	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$



Parent Payments 2022

Parent Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Curricular items and activities 'other contributions' not including Educational Items (stationary) (see page 2)

- I will not be making a financial contribution towards these items
- I would like to make a voluntary contribution towards these costs, the total contribution is outlined below:

Student Name:	Total Contribution per student
	\$
	\$
	\$

Curricular Items - Educational Items (see the stationary list on page 3)

- I am choosing to purchase the items outlined on the stationary list myself.
- I would prefer the school orders the stationary items and therefore am choosing to order the following stationary packs:

Student Name:	Class:	Price:
		\$75.00
		\$75.00
		\$75.00
TOTAL:		

Extra-Curricular items and activities 'other contributions' (see page 4)

- I plan to pay for these items as they occur (and prior to participation/attendance)
- I would like to purchase the extra-curricular items and activities for my child/ren as indicated on page 4:

Student Name:	Total amount per student
	\$
	\$
	\$

TOTAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BY FAMILY (total of all categories) _____

Signed parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Payment methods

Direct Deposit Details:

Account Name: Bethanga Primary School

BSB: 063 534

Account Number: 00900162

Financial Support for Families

Bethanga 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

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

Rachel Saunders

Ph: 02 6026 4263 | Email: Rachel.Saunders@education.vic.gov.au

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.