Bass Valley Primary School

November 2025

Dear parent/carers,

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *our* voluntary financial contributions for *2026 – see attached.*

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all **curriculum contributions** are voluntary.

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

Yours sincerely,

Aaron Bickery
PRINCIPAL

Casey Masinovic
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Amount**
GRADES 5 & 6 - Classroom consumables, materials, & equipment • *Classroom – grey lead pencils x4, blue pen x4, red pen x4, display books x2, Faber Castell colour pencils 24pk, faber castell coloured textas 24pk,Coloured highlighters 6pk, refillable textas, whiteboard markers bullet tip x4, Maths Grid Book 10mm x2, Literacy A4 8mm ruled x2, A3 Scrapbook, project book, PVC eraser, document wallets x2, glue sticks x2, scissors, ruler, two holed sharpener & printed workbooks curriculum subjects (photocopied & bound), Maths fluency new wave book, Daily review English practice book, targeting Handwriting book, mini whiteboard, mini whiteboard eraser and pencil case*	$110
Specialist Subjects • *Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials* • *STEM/Art – thick coloured paper, water colour paint, glitter, clag, card, wool, material, wood, beading, coloured paper,* consumables, classroom materials, folio	$10
• *Swimming – Standard swimming and water safety program*	$40
Total Curriculum Contributions	***$160***

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
School grounds maintenance and improvements	$50
Total Other Contributions	**$50**

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

Bass Valley Primary School offers a range of optional and **extra curricular 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis	**Amount**
Swimming - Additional classes and associated costs (outside the standard water safety program)	$40
School photos – Foons Photographics – To be paid directly to Foons	$*TBA*
Selected Students - Team Sports $10 per event – **TBC during the year**	$TBA
Grade 5 / 6 Camp (Max payment of $460)	$460
Incursion/s (Max payment of $15) Dates TBC	$TBA
Excursion/s (Max payment of $50) Dates TBC	$TBA
Performing Arts Event (Max payment of $50) Dates TBC	$TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**$500 + TBA**

Financial Support for Families

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

- *the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (applicable for pensioner/health care card)*
- *State Schools Relief (Uniform assistance)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

Category TOTALS	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	$160
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Additional Swimming	$40
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Camps and Excursions TBA)	$500 + TBA
Other Contributions	$50
TOTAL	**$750 + TBA**

Payment methods

- *Compass*
- *EFTPOS*
- *BPAY*
- *Cash/Cheque*
- *Direct deposit to the school's bank account. Bass Valley Primary School Council Account Bendigo Bank 633 000 / 144611365*

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	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.