

Dear parent/guardian,

Bayside Special Developmental School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bayside Special Developmental School’s voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure 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. We want to thank you for all your support. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wider range of learning opportunities within the school including Homecrafts, digital learning opportunities and within the Community, including Travel Training and local excursions.

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

Yours sincerely, Yours sincerely,

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Michael Pepprell Megan Dare

Principal School Council President

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| **Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | **Amount** |
| *Juniors*  Classroom consumables, materials & equipment   * Stationary Items – scrapbooks, pens, pencils, glu sticks etc. * Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. * Homecrafts/Cooking ingredients to enable students to explore food and food preparation and to make food for special events throughout the year – pasta, oil bread, flour, jelly, fruit, specialty foods (for students with allergies/not able to consume * Sensory items | $125.00 |
| Communication tools   * assistive technology devices, displays, communication books | $35.00 |
| Travel expenses   * running the school buses for local excursions/events/activities | $15.00 |
| **Other Contributions -** for non-curriculum items and activities | **Amount** |
| *Bayside Special Developmental School has tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office. Any donations over $2 are Tax Deductible****.*** | $ |
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| **Total Amount** | **$** |

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Bayside Special Developmental 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 purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

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| **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** | **Amount** | **Purchase**  **(Please tick)** |
| Camps and Excursions – if applicable, details will be provided at a later date. | TBA |  |
| RDA *(eligible students to be notified)* | TBA |  |
| **Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities** | | **$TBA** |

### Financial Support for Families

Bayside Special Developmental School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

* the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
* an alternative payment plan.

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

Christine Galati our Business Manager

Ph: 03 95554155 | Email: bayside.sds@education.vic.gov.au

**Total**

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| **Category** |  |
| Curriculum Contributions | $ |
| Other Contributions | $ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | $ |

### Payment methods

### Payments may be made either in Eftpos onsite, BPAY or Direct Deposit. If you are depositing money directly into our bank account, please use the student’s name as a reference.

We are also in the process of activating Compass platform for parent payments (notification will be sent out when available).

Direct Deposit Details:

Account Name: Bayside Special Developmental School Official Account

BSB: 313 140

Account Number: 1204340

Bank: Bank Australia

### Refunds

### Refunds must be requested in writing, including bank details for refund deposit. The school will assess every request on its merit. Refunds will only be made by Direct Debit into your specified bank account.

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

**parent PAYMENTS policy**

**ONE PAGE OVERVIEW**

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|  | 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. |

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|  | 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). |

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|  | 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. |

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|  | 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. |

