

# Balliang East Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Balliang East Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Further information is available on the Department's Parent Payments Policy page via the link below:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely,

Caryn Fox,  
Principal.

Prep - 2025	
ONLINE BOOKPACK	
<p><b>Students are required to purchase their book pack from <i>Rapid Office Choice</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This portal will be open until close of business on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.</li> <li>• The paid packs will be delivered to the school.</li> <li>• All items will be labelled and ready to be used on the first day of school.</li> </ul> <p>Book pack to be ordered and paid for online through Rapid Office Choice.</p> <p><a href="https://schoolpacks.com.au/balliang-east-primary-school-bts-portal">https://schoolpacks.com.au/balliang-east-primary-school-bts-portal</a></p>	<p><b>Online Total</b></p> <p><b><i>\$ 79.36</i></b></p>

Curriculum Contributions	
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<p><b><i>Year PREP classroom additional book pack items – School will distribute listed items:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Writers Notebook</i></li> <li>• <i>Pencil Tub</i></li> <li>• <i>Library Book Bag</i></li> <li>• <i>USB</i></li> </ul>	\$26.50
<p><b><i>Shared Classroom Items:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eg. Eraser, Grey Leads, Glue Sticks, Pens, Rulers, Sticky Tape</li> </ul>	\$10.00
<p><b><i>Year Prep Extra Curricular Activities</i></b></p> <p><b>You may choose to allocate a portion of your School Saving Bonus (SSB) to cover this cost</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>E.g. Life Ed, Royal Flying Doctors Service, Pancake Day, Special Event Activities,</i></li> <li>• School Sports Victoria membership</li> </ul>	\$55.00
<p><b><i>Year PREP Online Subscriptions: \$43.70</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading Eggs</i></li> <li>• <i>Writing Legends</i></li> </ul>	Covered by B.E.P.S.
<b><i>To be paid to BEPS Total Amount</i></b>	<b>\$91.50</b>

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

Balliang East 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. Cost will be provided to parents when these items/activities are confirmed e.g. School magazine, Concert DVD/USB, Swimming program, additional excursions.

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Ms Melanie Fairall - Ph: 03 5369 5148 | Email: [melanie.fairall@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melanie.fairall@education.vic.gov.au)

**Online book pack due Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**Curriculum contributions can be paid in full from 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

## **Payment methods:**

### **Electronic Transfer:**

**Balliang East Primary School Council**

**BSB: 063 543**

**Account: 1004 7398**

### **Cash**

**No EFTPOS or Credit Card Available**

# 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

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