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Parent Payments Policy 2022 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parents,

Buxton Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you that the School Council has introduced a **voluntary financial contributions schedule 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 have a strong tradition of support from families at Buxton, either in volunteering time and resources, or financial contributions. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, science, technology and physical education equipment and resources. This in turn supports the delivery of exemplary programs, together with our exceptional classroom teaching of the core subject areas.

Please find attached Buxton Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2022, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are **UNABLE** to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended financial contributions schedule below for an indication of your proposed contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Irving
Principal

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Classroom</i> – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers etc. • <i>Art</i> – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay, wood, beading etc. • <i>Science</i> – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials • <i>Mathematics</i> – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits • <i>English</i> – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers • <i>Physical Education & Sport</i> – materials, equipment • <i>Library</i> – books, subscriptions 	\$ 50
<p>Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sunshine Online</i> • <i>Sound Waves Spelling</i> • <i>Nessy Reading and Spelling</i> • <i>Squizya</i> 	\$ 20
<i>ICT Devices</i> – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$ 10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Outdoor learning spaces</i> - vegetable garden, school chicken coop food and maintenance	\$ 20
Total Amount	\$100

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Buxton 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 & Activities
<i>Optional Grade 6 Polos & Hoodies</i>
<i>Optional Whole school photos</i>
<i>Optional school camp</i>
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i>

Payment methods

Our preferred method of payment is by direct deposit to the school's bank account. Commonwealth bank: 063 255 / 10126565. If needed, we can also accept cash.

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.



2022 Parent Payments Return Slip

I/We would like to make a voluntary contribution to Buxton Primary School for the 2022 school year.

Name: _____

Family Contribution Amount (maximum \$100 per student): _____

Payment Method: direct deposit cash

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY 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.

At Buxton Primary School our mission is to provide a positive learning environment that places a high value on lifelong learning, through believing in and supporting students to achieve their full potential in all areas of the curriculum.