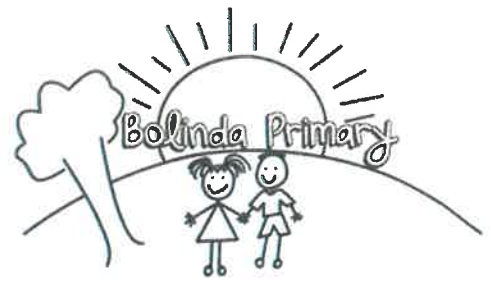


30th October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,



Bolinda Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bolinda 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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Thanks to your support in 2024, we were able to purchase two new Cleversmart televisions for our classrooms. These televisions have become invaluable resources, allowing us to replace outdated technology and enhance the learning experience for our students. We are incredibly grateful for your contribution.

Please find below the Bolinda Primary School voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2025, which includes an overview of what your contributions will contribute towards.

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 contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Chamerański".

Jordan Chamerański  
Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Kylie O'Hagan".

Kylie O'Hagan  
School Council President

Ph: (03) 5428 5317 E: [bolinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bolinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## 2025 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to pay the following via QKR!;

Please complete this fee schedule and have your child return them to the office by 09/12/2024.

ITEM	Annual Amount per STUDENT		
<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stationery Pack – detailed list attached \$50</li> <li>Subscriptions (Maths Online and Essential Assessment) \$40</li> <li>Maths &amp; English resources (\$10</li> <li>Kitchen Garden (Kitchen Consumables) \$30</li> <li>Art / Auslan / Stem (Science and art consumables) \$50</li> </ul>	\$180		
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student wellbeing program</li> <li>First aid equipment</li> <li>School grounds maintenance and improvements</li> </ul>	\$50		
ITEM	Item Amount	Number of students in your family	Annual Amount per FAMILY
Curriculum Consumables	\$180		\$
Other Contributions	\$50		\$
<b>TOTAL FAMILY CONTRIBUTION</b>			<b>\$</b>

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum, including:

- Computer applications where our students have their own individual password – At Bolinda Primary School we use Maths online and Essential Assessment.
- Everyday items that your child will use in the classroom to learn the essential curriculum such as art supplies, science experiment equipment, cooking ingredients, technology materials

### Educational items for students to own

Please find attached a list of items that the school recommends for each student. As per previous years, Bolinda Primary School will continue to provide these items to all students attending. These will be available to students on the first day of school 2025.

### Other Contributions

Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Bolinda Primary School.

### **Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) Items and Activities**

Bolinda 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. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

- *Optional Year 3-6 school camp*
- *Optional District Sport Entries*
- *Optional Swimming Program*
- *Other optional excursions to be scheduled*

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- *Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund* provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.
- *State Schools' Relief* provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniform at a reduced rate.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Jayden Andrea, Principal on 03 5428 5317 or email [Bolinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bolinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

### **Payment methods**



Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Bolinda Primary School. Payment can be made electronically via our preferred payment method QKR! Please refer to the information attached to this document in how to setup and use QKR! Please note that parents are to use the receipt issued by the QKR! as their record of payment.

For families that wish to spread the costs throughout the year please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

All payments will be allocated to outstanding Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) items and Activities in the first instance. If there are no outstanding Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) Items and Activities charges on your family account, payments will be allocated towards family Curriculum Contributions, as per the schedule above. If you wish for payments to be allocated differently to this process, please contact the office on (03) 5428 5317 PRIOR to making a payment.

### **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.

**BOLINDA PS 2025 PARENT PAYMENT: JUNIOR CLASS****STATIONERY****\$ 50.00**

Product	Qty	Price	Total
Display Book	1	1.5	1.5
A4 Exercise Book 24mm Thirds 64pg	2	0.95	1.9
Scrapbook	4	0.65	2.6
Plastic Mesh Pencil Case 345mm X 240mm clear	1	3.63	3.63
Crayola Triangular Pencils 12 pack	2	4.6	9.2
Twistable crayons	1	4.49	4.49
Faber Castell Connector Pens 12 pack	1	4.19	4.19
Faber Castell HB Junior Triangular Grip HB Pencil	4	0.6	2.4
Eraser large	1	0.89	0.89
Plastic Ruler 30cm	1	0.39	0.39
Scissors 6 inch	1	1.99	1.99
Metal Sharpener	1	0.99	0.99
Glue Stick 40g	6	1.4	8.4
Kluewell home reading yellow Level	1	4.28	4.28
Whiteboard markers	6	1.1	3.45

**SUBSCRIPTIONS - Maths Online, Essential Assessment****\$ 40.00****MATHS & ENGLISH RESOURCES****\$ 10.00****KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM CONSUMABLES****\$ 30.00****SCIENCE, AUSLAN & ART RESOURCES****\$ 50.00**

Product	Qty	Price	Total
Crayola Pencils triangular 12 pack	1	4.6	4.6
Faber Castell Connector Pens 12 pack	1	4.19	4.19
Fineliner	2	0.42	0.84
Glue Stick 40g	4	1.4	5.6
Sharpie - fine marker	1	0.85	0.85
Sharpie - 1.5 metal	1	2.69	2.69
Plastic sharpener	1	0.29	0.29
Eraser large	1	0.89	0.89
Plastic Ruler 30cm	1	0.39	0.39
Sticky Tape	1	1.72	1.72
Masking Tape	3	2.37	7.11
Scissors 6 inch L or R handed	1	1.99	1.99
Scrapbook	3	0.65	1.95
Sketchbook	1	2.79	2.79
Staedtler Graphite HB pencils tri tub	2	0.6	1.2
Display book	3	0.99	2.97
Paint paper pva			10

*\*New students - will receive a Mesh Pencil Case for STEM & a take home reader bag***\$ 180.00**

**BOLINDA PS 2025 PARENT PAYMENT: MIDDLE CLASS**

**STATIONERY**

\$ 50.00

Product	Qty	Price	Total
Display Book	1	1.5	1.5
Either A4 Exercise Book 14mm or 18mm Thirds 64pg	4	0.59	2.36
A4 Exercise Book 8mm 64pg	1	0.49	0.49
A4 Gridbook 10mm Grid 48pg	2	0.45	0.9
Scrapbook	3	0.65	1.95
Document Wallet	1	0.45	0.45
Highlighters	1	3.21	0.89
Plastic Mesh Pencil Case 345mm X 240mm clear	1	3.63	3.63
Crayola Pencils 12 pack	1	4.99	4.99
Twistable crayons	1	4.49	4.49
Faber Castell Connector Pens pk 12	1	4.19	4.19
Staedtler Graphite HB pencils	5	0.2549	1.275
Staedtler Stick pen Medium Blue	4	0.5	2
Staedtler Stick pen Medium Red	2	0.5	1
Eraser large	1	0.89	0.89
Plastic Ruler 30cm	1	0.89	0.89
Scissors 6 inch	1	1.99	1.99
Metal Sharpener	1	0.99	0.99
Glue Stick 40g	4	1.4	5.6
Kluewell home reading Green Level	1	4.28	4.28
A4 Exercise Book 128pg	1	1.1	1.1
Whiteboard markers	4	1.1	4.4

SUBSCRIPTIONS - Reading Eggs, Maths Online, Essential Assessment

\$ 40.00

MATHS & ENGLISH RESOURCES

\$ 10.00

KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM CONSUMABLES

\$ 30.00

SCIENCE, AUSLAN & ART RESOURCES

\$ 50.00

Product	Qty	Price	Total
Crayola Pencils 12 pack	1	4.99	4.99
Faber Castell Connector Pens pk 12	1	4.19	4.19
Highlighters	1	0.89	0.89
Fineliner	2	0.42	0.84
Glue Stick 40g	3	1.4	4.2
Sharpie - fine marker	1	0.85	0.85
Sharpie - 1.5 metal	1	2.69	2.69
Plastic sharpener	1	0.29	0.29
Eraser large	1	0.89	0.89
Plastic Ruler 30cm	1	0.39	0.39
Sticky Tape	1	1.72	1.72
Masking Tape	3	2.37	7.11
Scissors 6 inch L or R handed	1	1.99	1.99
Scrapbook	1	0.65	0.65
Sketchbook	1	2.79	2.79
Staedtler Graphite HB pencils	2	0.2549	0.51
Display book	3	1.5	4.5
Either A4 Exercise Book 14mm or 18mm Thirds 96pg	1	0.59	0.59
Paint paper pva			10

\*New students - will receive a Mesh Pencil Case for STEM & a take home reader bag

**\$ 180.00**

**BOLINDA PS 2024 PARENT PAYMENT: SENIOR CLASS**

**STATIONERY**

\$ 50.00

Product	Qty	Price	Total
Display Book	2	1.5	3
A4 Exercise Book 14mm Thirds 64pg	3	0.59	1.77
A4 Exercise Book 8mm 64pg	3	0.49	1.47
A4 Gridbook 10mm Grid 48pg	2	0.45	0.9
Document Wallet	1	0.45	0.45
Highlighters	1	3.21	3.21
Plastic Mesh Pencil Case 345mm X 240mm clear	1	3.63	3.63
Crayola Pencils 12 pack	1	4.99	4.99
Twistable crayons	1	4.49	4.49
Faber Castell Connector Pens pk 12	1	4.19	4.19
Staedtler Graphite HB pencils	4	0.255	1.0196
Staedtler Stick pen Medium Blue	4	0.5	2
Staedtler Stick pen Medium Red	2	0.5	1
Eraser large	2	0.89	1.78
Plastic Ruler 30cm	1	1.6	1.6
Scissors 6 inch	1	1.99	1.99
Metal Sharpener	1	1.24	1.24
Glue Stick 40g	4	1.4	5.6
A4 Exercise Book 128pg	1	1.1	1.1
Whiteboard markers	5	1.1	5.5

**SUBSCRIPTIONS - Reading Eggs, Maths Online, Essential Assessment**

\$ 40.00

**MATHS & ENGLISH RESOURCES**

\$ 10.00

**KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM CONSUMABLES**

\$ 30.00

**SCIENCE, AUSLAN & ART RESOURCES**

\$ 50.00

Product	Qty	Price	Total
Crayola Pencils 12 pack	1	4.99	4.99
Faber Castell Connector Pens pk 12	1	4.19	4.19
Highlighters	1	0.89	0.89
Fineliner	2	0.42	0.84
Glue Stick 40g	3	1.4	4.2
Sharpie - fine marker	1	0.85	0.85
Sharpie - 1.5 metal	1	2.69	2.69
Plastic sharpener	1	0.29	0.29
Eraser large	1	0.89	0.89
Plastic Ruler 30cm	1	0.39	0.39
Sticky Tape	1	1.72	1.72
Masking Tape	3	2.37	7.11
Scissors 6 inch L or R handed	1	1.99	1.99
Scrapbook	1	0.65	0.65
Sketchbook	1	2.79	2.79
Staedtler Graphite HB pencils	2	0.255	0.5098
Display book	3	1.5	4.5
Either A4 Exercise Book 14mm or 18mm Thirds 96pg	1	0.59	0.59
Paint paper pva			10

\$ 180.00

# 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.





# School Saving Bonus

## Information for government school parents and carers

### About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

### Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

### Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

### Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

## Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

## More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](https://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.