

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear parents and carers,

**Barwon Valley School** is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the parent payment arrangements for **2021**.

**Barwon Valley School** makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Statements are sent home each term.

### Financial Support for Families

**Barwon Valley School** understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options. Where possible, the school will offer to assist families in the following ways:

- Deferred payment or the extension of payment deadlines
- Flexible payment plans
- Donations
- Support agencies for uniforms, school curriculum materials, subject levies and finances

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, contact:

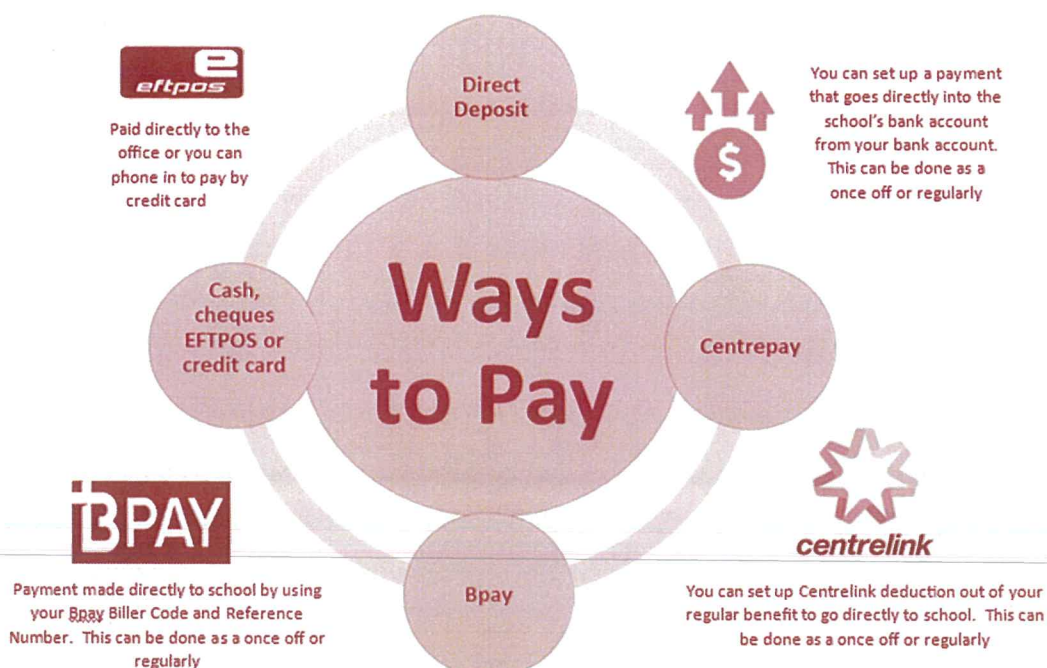
**Sonya MacKenzie (Student Wellbeing)**

or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

**Noeline Burney (Business & Finance Leader)**

Ph: 03 5243 1813, Email: [barwon.valley.sch@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:barwon.valley.sch@education.vic.gov.au)

### Payment Methods



## FEE SCHEDULE – JUNIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Barwon Valley School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Includes items that students take permanent possession of, materials for final products that students take home and curriculum related activities that students participate in such as:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Literacy &amp; Numeracy Materials:</b> Reading Eggs subscriptions, math online subscriptions, TEACCH materials	\$ 40.00
<b>Classroom Materials - bulk purchases:</b> Paper, pencils, crayons, laminating pouches, gluesticks, velcro, paint, sharpener, ruler	\$ 40.00
<b>Art Materials - bulk purchases:</b> Paints, paper, pastels, coloured card, crayons, markers, paint pens, paint brushes, canvases, craft materials	\$ 30.00
<b>Classroom Cooking Programs:</b> Ingredients to be used in cooking consumed by students	\$ 47.00
<b>Student Diary</b>	\$ 8.00
<i>Given students individual needs, not all items listed above will be used by every student. For some students, alternative resources will be provided to assist with access to the curriculum.</i>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>

## Optional Items

**Barwon Valley School** offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
Includes items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum such as:	
<b>School Magazine</b>	\$ 20.00
<b>Attendant Care Needs:</b> Sunscreen, tissues, gloves, wipes	\$ 65.00
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 85.00</b>

## Voluntary Contributions

**Barwon Valley School** continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general **voluntary contribution** that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for **2021** as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
<b>Playground Development</b>	Yes	\$100	
<b>General Voluntary Contribution</b>	Yes	\$ 20	
<b>Allied Health Therapy Equipment</b>	Yes	\$ 20	
			<b>TOTAL \$</b>

**Barwon Valley School** is an endorsed Deductible Gift Recipient. All voluntary contributions are tax deductible for amounts of \$2 or more.

**Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.**

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## FEE SCHEDULE – SENIOR LEARNING COMMUNITY

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. **Barwon Valley School** also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for **2021**.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Includes items that students take permanent possession of, materials for final products that students take home and curriculum related activities that students participate in such as:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Student Stationery Pack:</b>	\$ 50.00
Glue Sticks	
Ballpoint pens	
Display Books	
Exercise Books A4 96pg	
Scrapbooks	
Document wallet	
Textas	
Pencils	
Coloured pencils – 12	
<b>Literacy &amp; Numeracy Materials:</b>	\$ 40.00
Reading Eggs subscriptions, math online subscriptions, TEACCH materials	
<b>Classroom Materials - bulk purchases:</b>	\$ 70.00
Paper, laminating pouches, velcro, various craft items	
<b>Art Materials - bulk purchases:</b>	\$ 40.00
Paints, paper, pastels, coloured card, crayons, markers, paint pens, paint brushes, canvases, craft materials	
<b>Classroom Cooking Programs:</b>	\$ 47.00
Ingredients to be used in cooking consumed by students	
<b>Student ID Card:</b>	\$ 10.00
For use on excursions	
<b>Student Diary</b>	\$ 8.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>

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Attendant Care Needs: Sunscreen, tissues, gloves, wipes	\$ 65.00
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## FEE SCHEDULE – BVAC

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Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Student Stationery Pack:</b>	\$ 50.00
Glue Sticks	
Ballpoint pens	
Folders	
Exercise Books A4 96pg	
Scrapbooks	
Document wallet	
Textas	
Pencils	
Coloured pencils	
Plastic pockets	
<b>Literacy &amp; Numeracy Materials:</b>	\$ 40.00
Reading Eggs subscriptions, math online subscriptions, TEACCH materials	
<b>Classroom Materials - bulk purchases:</b>	\$ 70.00
Paper, laminating pouches, velcro, various craft items	
<b>Art Materials - bulk purchases:</b>	\$ 40.00
Paints, paper, pastels, coloured card, crayons, markers, paint pens, paint brushes, canvases, craft materials	
<b>Classroom Cooking Programs:</b>	\$ 47.00
Ingredients to be used in cooking consumed by students	
<b>Student ID Card:</b>	\$ 10.00
For use on excursions	
<b>Student Diary</b>	\$ 8.00

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**TOTAL** **\$265.00**

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Optional Item	Amount
Includes items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum such as:	
School Magazine	\$ 20.00
BVAC Hoodie	\$ 65.00
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
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## RESOURCE: FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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### STATE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- The **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** applications are submitted by schools. The program provides capped payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.
- **State Schools' Relief** applications are submitted by schools. The program covers costs such as new school uniforms, shoes, books and more for disadvantaged students.

### COMMONWEALTH FAMILY ASSISTANCE

The Commonwealth Government provides a range of payments and services to help families look after their children's health, education and other family issues.

**Centrelink's Parent Payment Finder** takes families through what payments and service they can be eligible for:

- **Child Care Benefit** helps eligible families with the cost of outside school hours care, vacation care and registered care.
- Family Tax Benefits, A or B, or Parenting Payments.
- **Youth Allowance, Newstart Allowance** or **ABSTUDY** for young people between 15 and 24 years of age. These payments provide financial support while young people are looking for work, studying, training or undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship.
- **Health Care Card** provides help with the with the cost of prescription medicine under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Commonwealth-funded medical services, and access to state, territory and local government concessions.

### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

- **A Start in Life** is an Australian charity that provides a range of assistance, including financial assistance, to disadvantaged students from kindergarten through to tertiary studies.
- **Good Shepherd Microfinance** provides affordable financial programs, including the **No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)**, for people on low or limited incomes that may assist families to afford educational costs and other expenses.
- **Saver Plus** is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ that assists families on lower incomes. The program matches family savings up to \$500 for education-related costs.

- **St Vincent de Paul** offers a range of assistance including food or food vouchers, clothing, furniture, budget support, back to school costs, information and advocacy.
- **The Smith Family's 'Learning for Life' program** provides financial support, guidance and mentoring for disadvantaged students. The Smith Family works with a select number of schools and may require referral from the school principal.
- **Travellers Aid Australia's Pathways to Education program** provides student travel passes to eligible secondary school students experiencing financial difficulties, enabling them to travel to school or other forms of training and education.

The following websites provides Victorian community services information:

- The **Ardoch School Costs Guide** lists support options that provide financial assistance to families and reduce school costs.
- **Crisis Referral Information System (CRIS) Online Directory** provides information for people seeking welfare assistance, advice and general referral and support. The online directory contains comprehensive information on services and organisations such as those providing support in respect to accommodation, domestic violence, drug & alcohol treatment, health, material aid and mental health.
- **Community Information and Support Victoria (CISVic)** is a peak body representing local community information and support services that assist people experiencing personal and financial difficulties.
- **Infoxchange Service Seeker** is a search site for community support services.

The Wellbeing team is also available to assist families and students.

Ratified	Date	/	/
School Council President			Principal