



Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Levy Exemption Policy

Relationship to existing policy:

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Fees Policy.

Rationale:

This policy explains the operation of the Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Levy Exemption at Bonbeach Primary School. Both the Farmers' Market and Canteen are revenue-generating activities that the school undertakes. The funds from these activities enable the school to continue to provide a high quality educational environment for students.

Aims:

- To provide an incentive for parents and carers to volunteer at the Farmers' Market, Working Bees, and in the Canteen.
- To ensure that adequate volunteers are available to support the operation of the Farmers' Market, Working Bees and in the Canteen.

Eligibility for exemption from paying the Levy

To be eligible for exemption from paying the Buildings and Grounds Levy in the following calendar year, families must:

- Volunteer at 3 Farmers' Market shifts in a calendar year;
- Undertake 9 Canteen shifts in a calendar year;
- Undertake 3 Working Bees in a calendar year;
- Undertake a combination of the above
For example: 6 Canteen Shifts and 1 Farmers' Market shift;
1 Working Bee; 3 Canteen Shifts and 1 Farmers' Market shift.
- Please note: Canteen Shifts only contribute to the Levy exemption in groups of three, that is, you must complete 3, 6 or 9 for them to contribute to the levy exemption. If 1 or 2 are complete they will not count towards the levy exemption.

It should be noted that volunteering on a RACV Energy Breakthrough Fundraising BBQ or other Fundraising event is not counted toward eligibility for a refund of the levy.

Students entering prep are not eligible for an exemption. The Levy must be paid for all prep students.

Guideline

Each year families are required to pay a Buildings and Grounds Levy upon enrolling their children at Bonbeach Primary School. If families undertake the required amount of volunteer activity outlined above, they qualify for an exemption from paying the Buildings and Grounds Levy in the calendar year after the volunteer work was completed. Volunteer labour is required to ensure the sustainability of the school Canteen and Farmers' Market. Exemption from paying the levy is the schools way of thanking the families who have helped out throughout the year.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in line with the school's 3 year policy review cycle.

Approval

This policy was approved by the School Council on the 11th October, 2016.