22nd October 2026

Dear parents

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support **Bonbeach Primary School** for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Bonbeach Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Sharon Keates Sharon.keates@education.vic.gov.au.

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 97723471. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely





Ken Jones
Principal

Archie Mihalopoulos
School Council President

BONBEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	$162	

Extra-curricular items and activities

Bonbeach Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs
- class photos

We have provided confirmed or indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below.

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost	Confirmed cost (where known)	Parent/carer to select
Optional Swimming and Water Safety		**TBC**	
Optional Incursions and Excursions		**TBC**	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities			

Learning materials for students to own

Booklist items:

You can choose to buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier e.g. Big W, Kmart, Officeworks etc.

If purchasing stationery items from an alternate supplier, contributions may be made via the following payment methods at any time throughout the school year:

- **EFTPOS at the school office**
- **Direct deposit to the school's bank account.**

ACC name: **Bonbeach Primary School Council Official Account**
BSB: **063 118**
ACC No.: **1005 9192**
REF: **Family ID-Compass login username**

Bonbeach Primary School has an arrangement with the following supplier for the materials that you can buy: **COS**

If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis.

Parents choosing to purchase through COS please order at parent.cos.net.au

COS is a 100% Australian Family Owned & Operated school supplier. We've selected the list of items your child needs to start the year and worked with COS so you can order everything you need in one go and it will be delivered directly to your home before school starts.

The items listed on the following page have been selected as being required for Year 1 in 2027. To ensure delivery prior to Term 1, 2027, please place your order by 3rd January 2027.

2027 Requirements for Online Ordering
Listed below are the easy steps for placing your online order available from

Ready to order?
For a fast, simple, and secure way to place your order visit parent.cos.net.au and follow these steps:

1. Click https://parent.cos.net.au/school/bonbeach-primary or scan below QR code to enter COS Parent Portal
Or enter your school access code at parent.cos.net.au: **460655**

2. Select the Year level required for 2027
3. Review product selection based on your requirements
   (Please note, items may have been marked as either mandatory or optional by your school)
4. Add your Pack to the shopping cart
5. Enter your Child's Details and Delivery Address
6. Enter in your credit card & PayPal details and then submit your order

You will receive an email order confirmation and can also request order tracking sent to your mobile.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ORDER

Please be advised that the transport industry and Australia post have informed us to the possibility of delays occurring during the months of December and January. To ensure that your School Packs arrive in time for the start of the school term, we strongly recommend sending your order as early as possible and adhering to the dates provided below. While COS will continue to expedite deliveries beyond these dates, it may become challenging to guarantee their arrival before the commencement of the school term.

Delivery Service: All orders will be dispatched via Australia Post. Please note that specific delivery times cannot be requested. Should no one be available to receive the delivery, the goods will be taken to the nearest post office for collection and a notification card will be placed in your mailbox.

Delivery Guarantee: Orders placed before 6th December, will be delivered to your home by 24th December. Orders placed before 3rd January will be delivered to your home prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2027. Orders placed after this date cannot be guaranteed to arrive on time.

Delivery Charges: All orders over $66 (incl. GST) and placed by Monday 30th November are eligible for FREE delivery!

Order value	Order Date	Delivery Fee (Single Pack)	Delivery Fee (Multiple packs)
Over $66 (incl. GST)	By Monday 30th November	FREE	FREE
Under $66 (incl. GST)	By Monday 30th November	$14.95 (incl. GST) per pack	$10.95 (incl. GST) per pack
Any	From Tuesday 1st December	$14.95 (incl. GST) per pack	$10.95 (incl. GST) per pack

Please note: Some bulky items may be sent directly to your school. The $66 minimum applies to stationery only; contributions and levies are excluded.

2027 YEAR 1 STATIONERY PACK - BOOKLIST

Description	UOM	Qty	Price inc GST
Staedtler Natural Tri Jumbo HB Pencil Graphite	Each	8	$5.37
Wooden Ruler 300mm Natural	Each	1	$0.66
Eraser Large White	Each	2	$0.84
Hexagonal Correction Pencil Red	Each	4	$1.85
Glue Stick 36g Clear	Each	6	$9.83
Kluwell My Home Reading Yellow Junior 9780645989304	Each	1	$5.46
Stubby Highlighter Assorted	Box4	2	$7.63
Whiteboard Bullet Marker 2mm Wallet Assorted	Wlt4	3	$20.79
Micador Colourfun Broad Colour Markers Assorted	Wlt12	2	$20.77
Tri Jumbo Colour Pencils Assorted	Box10	2	$6.91
Westcott L/R AntiMicro Scissors 152mm Assorted	Each	1	$2.85
Wedge Sharpener Metal Double	Each	1	$1.07
Osmer Neoprene Pencil Case Large 2 Zip Blue	Each	1	$9.68
Scrapbook 330x240mm Blank 100gsm 64p Marine Life	Each	6	$6.47
Writing Book 330x240mm 18mm DT 70gsm 64p Bilby	Each	3	$3.89
Writing Book 330x240mm 24mm DT 70gsm 64p Shark	Each	3	$3.89
Graph A4 10mm Grid 70gsm 96p Flamingo	Each	1	$1.13
Over Ear Headphone W.Microphone Black	Each	1	$37.24
Magnetic W/Board Eraser	Each	1	$3.63
		Pack Price including GST	$149.96

Please contact COS with any queries regarding the Parent Portal

Financial help for families

Bonbeach Primary School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms -** delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Second-hand uniform shop

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact: Sharon Keates
Ph: 03 9772 3471 | Email: Sharon.keates@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

If you want to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can:

- decide when to make each contribution
- choose the amount of each contribution.

If you would like to pay for extra-curricular items and activities through instalments, please contact the office.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Voluntary contributions are non refundable. 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 of Education's Parent Contributions policy and guidance, Financial Help for Families policy, and any other relevant information.]

Parent Contributions policy

Information for families

FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.

FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided from home, schools will provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.

Schools must publish their Parent Contributions arrangements on their school website, along with a link to the department's Parent Contributions policy.