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**Principal: Susan Duncan**

***Respect, Engagement, Responsibility, Aspiration***

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Boolarra Primary Schoolis looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Boolarra 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to enhance digital learning opportunities through the use of Maths Online, Essential Assessment and Purple Mash. Activities such as science experiments and cooking to support the learning programs often require additional funding. For further information on the Department’s Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

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 voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Duncan Alishia Reiger

Acting Principal School Council President

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| **Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
| ***Year Foundation, 1 and 2*** *classroom consumables, materials & equipment** *Classroom stationery - Pens, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, exercise books, student whiteboards and whiteboard markers, etc ($66.00)*
* *General classroom materials ($35.00)*
* *Printing and Photocopying ($40.00)*
* *Specialist areas – STEAM, art, performing arts ($35.00)*
 | $176.00 |
| ***Year Foundation, 1 and 2*** *Online Subscriptions** *Maths Online ($17.45) Online learning platform students can use at home or in the classroom to further embed mathematical knowledge and skills.*
* *Essential Assessments – Sunset Maths & reading ($20.00) Online learning platform used for assessment and the development of individual learning plans which is supported by paper based and online learning individualised activities.*
* *Purple Mash ($13.00) Award-winning cross curricular website for primary school children, enabling them to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way.*
 | $50.45 |
| **Other Contributions -** for non-curriculum items and activities | **Amount** |
| *uEducateUs* | $30.00 |
| *First aid equipment* | $ 2.00 |
| **Total Amount*****Boolarra Primary School is committed to keeping parent payments as low as possible. School Council subsidises any shortfall after $150.00*** | $258.45School subsidising $108.45**$150.00** |

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Boolarra 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.

Further information and Invoices will be sent out prior to the events.

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| **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** | **Amount** |
| *Optional Excursion* 1 x Major Excursion per year for all grades  | To be confirmed |
| *Optional Dinner/ Sleepover for Year 2* – Food and activities  | To be confirmed approx. $15 |
| *Optional School Photos* |  |
| *Optional Sporting Activities* Years Foundation, 1 and 2. This cost is usually to meet the cost of the transport if bus is required. This may include activities like Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. | To be confirmed approx. $10 |
| **Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities** |

### Financial Support for Families

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

* the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
* Fortnightly or monthly payment plans.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Alexandra Boka or Susan Duncan

Ph: 03 51696471| Email: *alexandra.boka@education.vic.gov.au* *or* *susan.ducan@education.vic.gov.au*

**Total**

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| **Category** |  |
| Curriculum Contributions | $150.00 |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | To be Confirmed |

### Payment methods

### Boolarra Primary School’s preferred method of payment is by Direct Deposit

**Account Name: Boolarra Primary School**

**BSB: 063 522**

**Account: 1006 8539**

### Refunds

### See Refund Policy on our school website.

**parent PAYMENTS policy**

**ONE PAGE OVERVIEW**

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|  | 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.
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|  | PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTSSchools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

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| Curriculum ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. | Other ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school’s functions and objectives. | Extra-Curricular Items and ActivitiesItems 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).
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|  | 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.
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|  | 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.
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