



Voluntary curriculum and other financial contributions to our school that provide a high-quality learning environment for all students.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Every year we ask our school community to consider voluntary curriculum and other financial contributions that allow BNWPS to provide a wide curriculum and specialist program. Through your contributions, our school can deliver a whole-child approach to education and continue to improve our facilities.

This year, we are asking all parents and care givers to contribute in one or all of the following ways:

Voluntary contribution to support core learning objectives

Your voluntary contribution is vital to supporting BNWPS to provide your child with the very best education possible. Your contribution funds core items like materials, resources and services your child uses at school. This includes paper, pencils, calculators, readers, sports equipment, science and technology equipment and more.

Public education remains free and families will never be charged for teacher-instruction. While voluntary contributions make the extensive education program we offer possible, your child will not be disadvantaged if you are unable to make this payment.

2025 parent payment arrangements

Voluntary contributions General stationery & classroom resources Curriculum area consumables ICT levy Software subscriptions Environmental education resources Total (Foundation - Year 5)	\$100 \$100 \$60 \$60 \$110 \$430
Optional Items (Year 6 only) Jumper & graduation expenses Total (Year 6 only)	\$60 \$490
Additional voluntary contributions Trevor Bowen Camp Fund School Building Fund	Any amount - Not tax deductible Amounts over \$2 - Tax deductible

Additional voluntary contributions

BNWPS also welcomes additional voluntary financial contributions, either as a general donation or towards a particular school priority. Should your family wish to make a most welcome, additional voluntary contribution, please contact the school office.

Tax deductible contribution to the School Building Fund

Our School Building Fund maintains and improves our school grounds and facilities such as our basketball court, oval and chicken coop. Any donations over \$2.00 made to our School Building Fund is tax deductible and will receive a tax receipt.

Contribution to the Trevor Bowen Camp Fund

In 2017 the Trevor Bowen Camp Fund was created in honor of Trevor Bowen and to provide financial assistance to families who may be finding it hard to afford the extra costs associated with school camp. Contributions of any amount to this fund are greatly appreciated and will go directly to helping a family in need send their child to camp. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please contact the school office.

Payment options

As always, we endeavor to keep all voluntary contributions affordable for all families and can make arrangements with any families wishing to pay in installments.

2025 voluntary curriculum contributions will be raised on Sentral during March. You will see this in the Payments section of the app.

Alternative contribution methods include BPay, or at the school office by cash or EFTPOS.

We have attached the DET Parent Payment Policy on the following page if you would like more information about voluntary contributions.

Please contact the school if you wish to discuss these changes or your family's financial position.

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Acting Principal

Ann Brennan

School Council President

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.