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PARENT PAYMENTS 2023

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Boisdale Consolidated School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Boisdale Consolidated School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, these contributions and the ongoing support of families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and extra-curricular initiatives for students. This continues to make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and co-ordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music, LOTE & physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of established subjects such as Reading, Writing & Mathematics. All these programs running alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs are imperative to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

Please note that that family invoices are no longer supplied, except for the Extra Curricular activities eg/ excursions, camps etc when they occur.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Marshall
Principal

Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities for 2023

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS – itemised list of Curriculum Contributions for your child	AMOUNT
<p>These contributions directly support a number of important curriculum areas and programs that we offer including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> class sets for vital numeracy manipulatives (MAB, Playing Cards, Trundle wheels, counters, protractors etc.) critical literacy resources (Guided reading books, take home readers, dictionaries etc.) the maintenance and repair of musical instruments replacement of sporting equipment purchasing of art supplies and resources purchasing of inquiry and science resources Language (LOTE) program resources printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials to learn in class and at home consumables for the classroom School Sports Victoria membership to participate in inter-school sports 	\$125.00
TOTAL AMOUNT	
Prep - 6	\$125.00

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (for non-curriculum activities) Will be charged and invoiced when events occur (These are <u>approximate</u> costings only)	Approx. AMOUNT
Whole school/year level events	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics carnival - transport (Grade 3-6) Swimming carnival – entry and transport (Grade 3-6) Cross country carnival – transport (Grade 3-6) Year 5/6 Interschool sport 	\$5.00 \$5.00 \$5.00 \$10.00
Swimming lessons	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus for swimming lessons Kemp Aquatics (Prep – 2 = 10 week program) *Please note, NO entry fee is charged at Kemp Aquatics (Approx cost) Entry/Bus for swimming lessons Stratford Pool (Grades 3-6 = 10 week program) 	\$30.00 \$68.00

Boisdale Consolidated School Council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund

Building Fund– In 2023 our Building Fund will be used for the improvement and integration of buildings. 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 contribute or not.

Educational items for students to own

Boisdale Consolidated School pre-purchase all the students supplies in bulk and distribute them to the classrooms in preparation for the school year. These items are included in the Curriculum Contributions.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Boisdale Consolidated 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 to deliver the Curriculum.

These extra-curricular items and activities will be invoiced closer to the time of the event and are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Optional Year 5/6 school camp</i>	\$350- TBC
<i>Optional Year 3/4 school camp</i>	\$300 - TBC
<i>Excursions</i>	
<i>School photos – different packages available</i>	
<i>Instrumental music program</i>	

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Local Community Supports
- Second-hand uniform and low-cost options

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

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Payment methods

- **Payment of parent payment charges can be made at the school office by cash, EFTPOS, BPAY or Direct Deposit BSB: 063709 / Acct: 10043489**
- Parents/carers will be provided with information on alternative payment options including payment by instalment and Centrepay deductions and will be invited to discuss alternative arrangements with the school where appropriate.
- Only the initial invitation for voluntary financial contributions and one reminder notice is sent to all parents and guardians.
- All students have access to the standard curriculum
- Students are not treated differently, denied access to the standard curriculum, or refused instruction on the basis of payments not being made for education items, services or voluntary financial contributions.
- Parents will be made aware of alternative payment options and an invitation to discuss these options on request
- Any record of payment or contributions by parents and guardians is to be kept confidential.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. 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's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information

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.