



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Beechworth Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning, and would like to advise you of Beechworth Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021. In light of the difficulties experienced by families during 2020 there will be no increase in fees.

The Parent Payment Policy, and how the school will implement the policy is available on the Beechworth Primary School website (<https://beechworthps.vic.edu.au/policies/>). A copy of the Parent Payment charges for 2021 for your child is attached along with a list of Stationery items that need to be purchased and brought to school on the first day of the 2021 school year.

We would appreciate payment by the end of February 2021. All parent payments and contributions can be made by cash, cheque, direct debit at the school office or through direct deposit into the school's official account (see last page of account).

Beechworth Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

**Financial Support for Families:**

The school appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulty in meeting payment requests. A number of support options are available to parents who have difficulty making payments including the school's second-hand shop, State Schools Relief or the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

**Compass:**

Fees are now available to be paid via compass under the course confirmation and payment. A payment plan has also been set up for 4 equal payments from February to May for your convenience.

If you are, or will experience difficulty in making the requested payments please contact Samantha Hemphill, school Business Manager by phone or email [samantha.hemphill@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:samantha.hemphill@education.vic.gov.au) or email the School Principal, Sue McDonald on [susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

Sue McDonald  
Principal

Rani Macaulay  
School Council President

## Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Stationery:</b> Refer attached Stationery list that needs to be purchased for each student by families. These items should be brought to school on the first day of the 2020 school year.	Parent/guardian
<b>Subject areas workbooks:</b> Reading Record books, and photocopied work booklets and resources as required. Materials for Art projects and activities such as MAPPEN. Access to paid digital technologies. EG: Essential assessments.	\$260
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$260</b>

## Optional Items

Beechworth Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount
Excursions, cultural events and camps to be advised as they occur throughout the year.	

## Voluntary Contributions

Beechworth Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family			Amount
Grounds beautification	No	\$20	\$50	\$70	
School Assistance Fund: This fund is to provide essential education items or Optional Items for families at our school unable to purchase these items due to demonstrated financial hardship. Your contribution helps to ensure that all our students have the option of attending school camps and excursions and have the items they need for school.	No	\$20	\$50	\$70	
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

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 make a contribution or not.

**Parent Payment Charges**

Essential Student Learning Items Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voluntary financial contribution Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund - Government Assistance):**

Please contact the school office if you believe that you will eligible for this fund offered in 2021

**Parent Payment Arrangements**

**Please indicate your preferred method of payment:**

- Option A (full amount at the beginning of Term 1)
- Option B (payment at the beginning of each Term)
- Option C (half yearly payment)
- Option D (other payment arrangements)\*

*\*(If selecting Option D please make an appointment with the school to discuss your circumstances and the available options)*

**I HAVE ENCLOSED PAYMENT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Beechworth Primary School** electronic funds transfer account details:

**Account Name:** Beechworth Primary School  
**Bank:** Commonwealth Bank Beechworth  
**BSB: 063-637 Account No. 10026363**  
**Reference Detail:** Students full name