

## BURWOOD EAST SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL

This document advises you of Burwood East Special Developmental School's parent payment arrangements for 2021. Please find the fee schedule for all year levels attached.

We make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

### Financial Support for Families

Some families may experience financial difficulty and we offer a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- payment by instalment if preferred

If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

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

## FEE SCHEDULE – ALL YEAR GROUPS INCLUDING EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Classroom Stationery	100.00 per year
Specialised resources to support Art and PE	100.00 per year
Creative Movement Classes	100.00 per year
Classroom based cookery programs	100.00 per year
<b>TOTAL (annual amount)</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>

### Optional Items

Optional Items	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Voluntary Contributions

We do not expect families to make voluntary contributions in support of other school priorities, but you are welcome to do so if you would like to contribute in this way.

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 2021

Essential Student Learning Items	400.00
Optional Items	to be advised
Voluntary Contribution	not requested
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400.00</b>

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

#### Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

#### Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

#### Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



### 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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.