

# PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2021

Dear Parent

Bellaire Primary School has always been proud of the facilities and educational experiences the school is able to provide its students. This has been achieved due to the nature of our caring and involved school community who recognise that their support is needed to enable us to maintain our high standards.

Parent contribution, in all forms, assists Bellaire Primary School to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is highly valued by our school community. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. At Bellaire Primary School, we design and develop learning and teaching programs drawing on the best educational knowledge and practices and strive to offer broad and enriched opportunities to students that are above and beyond what is required in the standard curriculum and what is provided for by Government funding.

Bellaire is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021.

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## **Financial Support for Families**

### **FAMILY SUPPORT OPTIONS**

- CSEF –provides payments to eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply and a special consideration category also exists.
- Bellaire PS runs a Second hand Uniform sale once per term – uniforms are donated and sold for a gold coin donation to our Student Wellbeing Program which can then provide new or used uniform or pays for camps & excursions etc for students from disadvantaged families in our school community.
- State Schools Relief may cover the cost of new school uniforms, shoes, books and more for disadvantaged students. Parents or Carers who require assistance need to make an appointment with the school to discuss their situation.
- Local community supports such as Rotary, Lions Club of Highton, St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army provide financial assistance, scholarships and bursaries to needy families in our school community. Access to these supports is available through referral from the Student Welfare Coordinator.

### **CONSIDERATION OF HARDSHIP**

Bellaire Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. Any families that are having difficulty making payments please make an appointment to speak with our nominated parent payment contact person, Kate Matthews (Business Manager) to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential and only shared with relevant school personnel.

## PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND METHODS

Bellaire Primary School accepts the following payment methods:- Cash, cheque, BPay, QKR or EFTPOS.

The school appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting request for payments and contributions. To further assist parents with payments, four payment options have been developed:

Option A	Full amount when ordering the booklist online (Preferred option)
Option B	Full Payment at the beginning of Term 1
Option C	Part Payment at the beginning of each Term or half yearly (beginning of Terms 1 & 3)
Option D	Other payment arrangements (please contact the office to make other arrangements).

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Business Manager, Kate Matthews. Ph: 52435203 or email: [bellaire.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bellaire.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## FEE SCHEDULE 2021

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. *Bellaire Primary School* also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items which the school deems as essential for student learning, without which, students would be unable to access the school's delivery of the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
ART – paint & craft materials for art including drawing & painting materials, sticky tape, oil pastels, charcoal, acrylic paints ,pva glue, pens, craft paper, clay, inks etc.	\$20.00
STEAM- consumables i.e. batteries, light bulbs, paper, vinegar, bi-card soda, food dye, pva glue, masking tape, 3D Printer Filaments, Construction supplies incl Icy Pole sticks, Balsa Wood. Electronics i.e .Fuses, LED Lights.	\$30.00
INQUIRY consumables e.g. food & other grocery items, craft items, materials for construction, textiles ,pva glue etc.	\$20.00
LOTE – Cooking ingredients, art & craft materials	\$10.00
Software/Computer Apps i.e. Seesaw & other Apps such as Robotic Apps and Coding Apps. Apps for iPads used in the classrooms, 3D Printer Subscription.	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

This year our booklist for 2021, which guides you on the everyday items that your child will use in the classroom, will be an online booklist only – there will be no printed booklists supplied. Parents will receive information on how to access their child's booklist via the WINC website when available.

## Optional Items

Bellaire 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, they are provided on a user-pays basis and parents and guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates in.

Optional Item	Amount
School Camps for Middle and Senior Students	TBA
Grade 6 Graduation	TBA
Excursions and Incursions held throughout the year including Inter school sports etc.	TBA

## Voluntary Contributions

Bellaire Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. You can make a general voluntary contribution that will go towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students and/or 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 student		
<b>Computer/Technology Replacement Program</b> A donation of \$40 per child to ensure that Bellaire Primary School stays at the forefront of technology. We ask that all families support this initiative, which has been developed to ensure we maintain our ICT equipment at the highest standard across all Learning Communities.	No	\$40		
<b>Student Wellbeing Support</b> A donation of \$20.per child is recommended by School Council to support extending our student wellbeing initiatives to best support the needs of our students, whether it be individual, small groups or whole class.	No	\$20		
<b>School Building Fund</b> All families are invited to make a donation to support ongoing improvements to school buildings and facilities. All funds raised will be targeted to further develop our learning spaces in 2021. <i>(amounts are suggested only)</i>	Yes	\$25	\$50	\$100
<b>General Donation</b> which supports the replacement of furniture and equipment including sports equipment and uniforms, Grounds maintenance and Development including Play Grounds, Shade Sails and Play surfaces. <i>(amounts are suggested only)</i>	No	\$25	\$50	\$100

***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.***