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Dear parents,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Botanic Ridge Primary School for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Botanic Ridge Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact the school.

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number [5992 7900]. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Sincerely,

Emma Fuller
Principal

Botanic Ridge

BOTANIC RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions. We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount of your choice
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	$ 250	$

Tax-deductible voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount of your choice
Voluntary - Building fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support renovations and upgrades of school infrastructure	$ 50	$
Voluntary - Library fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support library maintenance and enhancements	$ 50	$

Extra-curricular items and activities

Botanic Ridge Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).
Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs including I Sea I Care
- Sports days and swimming
- Year 6 graduation and day out.

We have provided **indicative** costs of planned extra-curricular items and activities below for **information only.**

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities will be requested via Compass as each event arises and the cost is finalised. If required, payments for camps and excursions can be made via instalments.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost
Grade 3 Camp – The Briars 2/9 to 3/9 Grade 4 Camp – CYC The Island 12/5 to 14/5 Grade 5 Camp – Gilwell Park 27/10 to 29/10 Grade 6 Camp – CYC The City 19/7 to 21/7	$ 370 $ 390 $ 400 $ 400
Swimming Foundation to Year 4	$ 70
Incursions/Excursions/Activities (all years)	$ 80
Sporting Activities Years 5 and 6	$ 200
I Sea I Care Excursions	$ 220

Financial help for families

Botanic Ridge Primary School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms -** delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Second-hand uniform sales [where available].

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact the school.

Payment methods

Parent contributions can be made via the **Payment Centre on Compass.** EFT or cash payments can be made at the school office.

If you want to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can:

- decide when to make each contribution
- choose the amount of each contribution.

If you would like to pay for extra-curricular items and activities through instalments, please contact the office as each event arises.

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 of Education's Parent Contributions policy and guidance, Financial Help for Families policy, and any other relevant information.