



Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has gone towards: *e.g. Grounds & Facilities; including playground and toilet block upgrade, ICT & Technology; purchasing of iPads and laptops.*

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please click on the following link:
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Violeta Dellidis".

Violeta Dellidis
Principal
Brookside P-9 College

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Prep-2 classroom consumables, materials & equipment as listed on the booklist, as well as provision of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phonics Program Book boxes Inquiry learning Specialists projects <p><i>Year 3-6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment as listed on the booklist, as well as provision of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquiry learning Specialists projects Food Technology Diary <p><i>Year 7-9 classroom consumables, materials & equipment as listed on the booklist, as well as provision of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diary Food Technology Art ID Cards 	<p>Prep-6: \$60 Year 7-9: \$65.00</p>
<p><i>Prep-6 Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathletics (\$10.50) Reading Eggs (\$9.00) Seesaw (\$7.70) PAT (\$3.15) <p><i>Year 7-9 Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compass (\$22) PAT (\$3.15) 	<p>P-6: \$30 Year 7-9: \$25</p>
<p><i>Prep-9 ICT Devices – provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT</i></p>	<p>\$10</p>
<p>Total Amount</p>	<p>Prep-9: \$100</p>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>Parents have the option to contribute \$50, \$100 or \$150 (voluntary)</i></p> <p><i>This includes contributions towards Grounds & Facilities, ICT & Technology improvements</i></p>	<p>\$</p>
<p>Total Amount</p>	<p>\$</p>

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Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Paperchase for your child to use for their learning.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Brookside College 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Financial Support for Families

Brookside College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- State Schools Relief
- Brookside P-9 College hardship fund
- Camps/Sports/Excursions Funding (CSEF)

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

Karen Fernandez

Ph: 03 7379 1555 | Email: karen.fernandez@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$

Payment methods

When making payment to the College for any transaction, the following payment options will be made available.

- Compass Parent Portal.
- Cash, cheque or EFTPOS in person or via a student at the General Office.
- Credit card in person, over the phone or by other arrangement (credit card details will not be retained).
- BPAY.

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.

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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.

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