



30 October 2025

Dear parents/guardians,

Parent Payment Arrangements – 2025

Ballarat Primary School (Dana Street) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the schools voluntary and extracurricular contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all curriculum 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.

Please find attached Ballarat Primary Schools voluntary contributions schedule for 2025. Payments are vital in allowing us to ensure appropriate resourcing of programs for your child.

Payments can be made via SENTRAL at any time during the year. Payment at the beginning of the school year allows the school to purchase items to be used by your child throughout the year.

Additionally, parents will be provided with year level booklist with items to purchase from Champion Education/Ballarat for your child to own and use. Alternatively, families can purchase items from any big box stationery store ie. Officeworks, Big W etc.

Copies of the 2025 booklist and our parent payment arrangements are available on our website www.danaps.vic.edu.au under School Documents. They are also published to Sentral.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Ryan Oliver
Principal

Steven Rothberg
School Council President

Parent Financial Contribution Schedule 2025

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper 	\$25.00
<i>Classroom consumables, materials and equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy materials such as class novels, home readers, big books • Numeracy materials such as dice, cards, counters, tools • Sporting equipment consumables 	\$50.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20.00
<i>Whole school events including</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport • Japanese Day • Performing Arts Showcase 	\$50.00
<i>Technology. A co contributions of \$20.00 towards licenses, repairs, maintenance of digital devices and technologies in the classroom</i>	\$20.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$165.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs to sport social skills, re-engagement and intervention programs</i>	\$10.00
<i>First aid and sickbay consumables</i>	\$10.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$30.00
Total Other Contributions	\$50.00
Total Curriculum and Other Contributions	\$215.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Ballarat Primary School (Dana Street) offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year via SENTRAL.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional extracurricular activities are scheduled throughout the year. Examples include, Life Education, Science Incursions, Local excursions (bus transfers), Wildlife Park, Bookweek Incursions, Sovereign Hill experiences, Parliament House and end of year activities and excursions.	\$TBC
Term 1 Year 5/6 Camp – 2 night, 3 days	\$460 TBC
Term 4 Swim & Water Safety Program – Foundation – Year 6	\$65.00
Term 4 2025 Year 6 Graduation Dinner (December 2025)	\$40.00
Term 4 2025 Year 6 Year Book	\$20.00
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBC

Financial Support for Families

Ballarat Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans via BPay Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*
- *Ability to make small, regular payments via BPay onto school account.*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Penny Kaletsch, Business Manager (Penny.Kaletsch@education.vic.gov.au) or Ryan Oliver, Principal (Ryan.Oliver@education.vic.gov.au)

Payment methods

- Credit or Debit Card via SENTRAL
- BPay. Please speak with the Office if you are unsure of your individual families BPay details.

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.