

2024 Voluntary Contribution, Charges and Personal Items

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Financial support by parents has always played a significant role in providing resources that support learning experiences of students. The continuing partnership between schools and parents is vital to ensuring that all students receive a level of education sufficient to carry them forward in today's society.

The School Board has approved the following information regarding the Contribution, Charges and Personal Items Schedule for the year 2024. One of the requirements of the School Education Act 1999 is for schools to outline by December all contributions and charges that parents will incur for each child's education in the following year.

The schedule is as follows:

- **Voluntary Contributions**
- **Charges – Extra Cost Optional Components**
- **Personal Items for personal use in the educational programme**
- **Other Services (not directly part of the educational program)**
- **Additional Voluntary Requests**

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The total amount of contributions parents and caregivers of children in K-6 are being asked to pay is \$60 per child, per year which is within the School Educational Act Regulations 2000. Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the learning areas and other activities.

While contributions are voluntary, your contribution is highly valued. The quality of our teaching and learning programs are maximised when each family pays their child's contribution and assists in supplementing funding gained from other sources.

Where does my \$60.00 go and how does it benefit my child or children?



It helps to buy additional reading books so I have more home readers and more books in the classroom.
Thanks for your contribution.

We love being outside and active. Your contribution helps us buy sports equipment. Thank you!





I love to visit the school Library. Thanks to all families for helping to make sure we have enough money to have lots of extra new and exciting books to read!

Your contributions support the upgrading of, and purchase of, additional music equipment, which we enjoy playing.



We love our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) projects. Your contribution enables us to have new digital devices. Thank you!



Your contribution supports the purchase of additional and specialised art materials; mosaic materials, crayons, paper and much more!



It has allowed us to purchase online programs such as Reading Eggs and Maths Online which helps our learning because we can use it at school and at home. Thank you!



As outlined, your contributions **greatly support** curriculum budgets. Should the collection of Voluntary Contributions be less than 80% (as budgeted) the shortfall places considerable strain on our budget and directly affects what materials can be purchased for curriculum areas to support student learning.

We understand that paying these contributions at the same time as having to pay for booklists may place financial strain on some families. Therefore, we are happy to support and offer the following payment options if required:

Instalments

Flexible instalment option of paying \$15 per term is acceptable. Or contact the Front Office staff to tailor a suitable plan.

Direct Debit

Using the school's account details, set up a recurring direct debit from your chosen account (savings, credit). This can be at an amount determined by you.

Parents are advised that they can pay the School Contribution amount when completing the Personal Items Lists, the contracted supplier will forward the money to the school with a complete list of payment details.

Payments can be made by cash/cheque/EFTPOS at the office between 8:30am and 3:30pm, or by internet banking, using the following account details.

Payee: Bannister Creek Primary School
BSB: 066 164 **Account:** 0090 0280
Reference: Child's Name/s VC2024
Description: School Contributions (or charge item)

Contact the Manager Corporate Services with any queries on 9366 0900, or email
Bannistercreek.PS@education.wa.edu.au

CHARGES – Extra Cost Optional Components

These charges / costs are associated with specific learning activities available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made at the time of the excursion or incursion. A breakdown of estimated charges has been included in the schedule below.

Students will only incur a charge when they are involved in a particular activity – the amounts indicated on the schedule represent the maximum charge possible for scheduled activities during 2024.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Items for personal use in the education program

You have already received the list of stationery your child will require for personal use in 2024. We have negotiated competitive pricing for high quality materials through Nextra Riverton (The Newsagency at Riverton Shopping Centre), a local business. Whilst you are not obliged to use our preferred supplier, we encourage you to give consideration to supporting a local company that provides quality products and service. Nextra is also offering a 15% discount to parents/carers when purchasing stationery, gifts and greeting cards (except those items already on sale). Just let them know before making your purchase that you are associated with Bannister Creek Primary School to receive the discount. ***Parents should be aware that some items may need to be replaced during the year.***

Nextra are also running a draw for four free booklists. To go into the draw, you need to place your order directly with Nextra. In February 2024, Nextra will draw out the winners. Winners will be contacted directly by Nextra.

OTHER SERVICES - Optional

Provided for convenience, but which are not required for educational program

School fundraising can include things such as gold coin donation days for charitable organisations, or Book Fairs, Operation Christmas Child, School Photos, Scholastic Book Club, Lapathon. The P&C also run events and provide services such as Stalls for Mother's & Father's Day, Easter Raffle, Graduation Fundraising, Camp Fundraising, and discos etc.

Voluntary Contribution and Other Charges 2024

All contributions and charges have been kept to a minimum in order to maximise the ability for all families to pay and therefore for all students to benefit from all of the school's core and non-core programs and activities. Charges quoted below are the **maximum possible**, and all efforts are made to keep below these.

Code

A This is a charge for elements related to specific learning activities and available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g., incursions, excursions, enhancement to classroom activities.

B This is a charge for optional elements related to specific learning activities and available to selected students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g., PEAC, Academic Competitions, School of Instrumental Music Program, Interschool Sport, etc.

C This is a charge for optional elements, which address overarching outcomes activities and are available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g., Year Six Camp.

Parents are welcome to pay up to 50% of charges in advance, e.g., beginning of each term, semester, or end of 2023 for 2024, or set up a regular transfer. Statements of balance are forwarded home regularly.

Description	Code	K	PP	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
CHARGES to a maximum per child of:	<i>Includes the following incursions/excursions</i>								
In-Term Swimming	A		\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Incursions	A	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Excursions	A	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$80	\$80
Dance/ Gym Program	A			\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Literacy Pro Subscription	A				\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18
CHARGES SPECIFIC PROGRAMS	<i>In addition to the above maximum incursion/excursion charges</i>								
Instrumental Music – hire/lease	B							\$150	\$150
PEAC	B							\$300	\$300
Performing Arts**	B			\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Carnivals/ Interschool Athletics	B					\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
BYOD suggested Apps	C				\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Year 6 Camp	C								\$300
Graduation	C								\$130
Graduation T-Shirt	C								\$50
Graduation Excursion	C								\$45
OTHER CHARGES	<i>Optional Charges</i>								
School Photographs		\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
Fundraisers – e.g., graduation, ground works etc.		\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Charity Support		\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

** Black Dress Pants and Black Shoes are included in the Performing Arts Cost