



ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS 2019



Dear Parents/Guardians,

September 2018

School Councils are able to request payments or contributions for education items and services from parents and guardians for students in Victorian Government schools in the three categories – Essential Education Items, Optional Education Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions. (A copy of our school's Parent Payment Policy that is aligned with DET policy is available on our school website.) School Council has now set the cost for Essential Education Items for 2019 as listed below. (Details of Optional Education Items and Voluntary Contributions are detailed in the attached separate letter.)

Be assured the School Council at Bimbadeen Heights works hard to keep costs low for parents, and Bimbadeen remains one of the least expensive schools in the area whilst continuing to deliver a high quality education for your child.

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\$220.00

Payment of this is required for every child. It will cover expenditure including stationery and exercise books, part of which is supplied in an individual bag distributed to each year 1 – 6 child. Foundation student supplies are all delivered in bulk and kept in the classroom. Bulk supplies used by students are kept in classrooms to be used throughout the year, e.g. cover paper, paint, tape, etc. The Essential Education Items charge also covers the cost of art supplies, first aid supplies, photocopying costs, etc. The school's subscription to online educational programs such as 'Mathletics', 'Sunshine on Line' and 'Literacy Planet' are also included in this charge. In effect, the Essential Education Items charge covers items that become the property of the child and go home or programs that children can access at school and at home. It is important that parents pay this as it ensures consistency of teaching and learning as their child will have all the same learning materials as other children.

A \$10.00 discount will be available to those who pay in full by Friday 30th November 2018.

THERE ARE 2 OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

Option 1)

Payment of \$210.00 by **Friday 30th November 2018** (this includes a \$10.00 early payment discount) Full payment of \$220.00 after the 30th November.

Or

Option 2 *)

Automatic Credit Card deduction of 4 instalments. (\$100.00 on 30th November 2018, \$40.00 on 8th February 2019, \$40.00 on 29th March 2019 and \$40.00 on 21st June 2019.)

****By selecting these options you authorise Bimbadeen Heights PS to debit your credit card on the above dates.***

Credit card details need to be completed on the attached form and returned to the office before Friday 30th November 2018.

Please note – If the initial payment is not made by Friday 30th November your child will not receive their boxed stationery when they are distributed on Wednesday 5th December. If paid after 30th November, parents are able to then collect the bag of stationery from the office from Wednesday 5th December.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of this please contact Brenda Michael (Business Manager) in the office.

Yours Sincerely,

Bruce Lee
School Council President

Leigh Johansen
Principal