



Branxholme Wallacedale Community School

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PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have decided to keep our contribution requests for 2026 the same as this year. We understand that many people may be finding the cost of living increasing and we do not wish to contribute to this. Please understand that our contribution requests help us provide your children with the best possible education experience.

Branxholme Wallacedale Community School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Branxholme Wallacedale Community School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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.

The environment and resources that our students enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/carers voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wide variety of subjects and special curriculum experiences, enhanced digital learning opportunities through the provision of 1:1 laptops and iPads, maintain and develop the school grounds, arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies and offer effective First Aid for all students.

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

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Bennett
Principal

Alysia Sanderson
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20) • Science – working materials (\$20) • Mathematics & Literacy – working materials (\$50) • MARC – working materials (\$20) • Booklist (as attached) (\$100.00)	\$210.00
<i>Online subscriptions</i> • Mathletics (\$15)	\$15
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$15
<i>Whole school events</i> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$TBA) • Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$TBA) • Eisteddfod – entry and transport (\$TBA)	\$TBA
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$240

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$10
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$40
<i>Special Events (eg. Mother's Day/Father's Day, Show entries)</i>	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$70

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school will purchase through our suppliers for your child to individually own and use.

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

Branxholme Wallacedale community School 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>BWCS School camp (\$250 to be confirmed)</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Interschool sports program</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Excursions to be scheduled</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Incursions x3 (\$15 each incursion = \$45)</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

Branxholme Wallacedale Community 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 for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Ph: 03 5578 6253

Email: Branxholme.wallacedale.cps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$240
Other Contributions	\$70
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA
Total	\$310

Payment methods

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

BWCS Booklist – ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS – 2026

**Your child's stationary kit will be ready for collection on
Wednesday 28th January, 2026.**

This is to be paid for in full before collection

via BPay, Direct Debit

or

Cash on collection

Essential Items Required	Number Required	Cost Per Item	Total Cost
Scrap Book, 64pg	5	1.30	6.50
Exercise book, 64pg	3	0.99	2.97
Maths book	1	0.76	0.76
Spelling Mastery Workbook	1	33.00	33.00
Handwriting Book	1	16.00	16.00
Reading Diary	1	6.95	6.95
Coloured Pencils 12 pack	2	2.89	5.78
HB Graphite pencils	4	0.36	1.44
Eraser (large) PVC free	2	0.71	1.42
Glue Stick 40g (1 per term)	4	1.19	4.76
2 Hole Plastic Canister Sharpener	1	0.99	0.99
Connector Textas 20 pack	1	7.81	7.81
Ruler – plastic, 30cm	1	0.90	0.90
Scissors	1	1.62	1.62
Whiteboard marker - black	1	1.30	1.30
Whiteboard marker – red	1	1.30	1.30
Display folder	2	2.25	4.50
Large grip graphite pencils (grade F,1,2,3 only)	4	0.50	2.00
Pens – blue (grade 4,5,6 only)	2	0.50	1.00
Pens – red (grade 4,5,6 only)	2	0.50	1.00
Total			100.00

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 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
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.



LIVE LEARN GROW

Please return the following to school by **Friday, November 21st, 2025** – this will enable us to order stationery items in time to be delivered for the start of the school year in 2026.

No payment is required at this stage.

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My child/children _____ (name/s) will be returning to Branxholme Wallacedale Community School in 2026

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My child/children _____ (name/s) will NOT be returning to Branxholme Wallacedale Community School in 2026

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I agree that I will collect (from school on January 28, 2026) and pay for my child's stationery order on the day or before via Bpay or Direct Deposit to the school. The required items are listed above on page 5.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____