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RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

Dear parent/guardian,

Tullamarine Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Tullamarine Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, your financial contribution has allowed us to replenish or upgrade materials to support our curriculum and enhance our quality teaching and learning program. This has included purchasing and maintaining:

- books and resources for teaching reading and writing,
- literature for classroom libraries and class book sets,
- hands on materials for teaching mathematics,
- sports equipment for the PE and Sports program and lunchtime activities,
- art resources for the Arts program as well as classroom programs,
- classroom furniture and organisational resources (tubs for books and other class resources),
- digital technologies such as robotics for our STEM program and the purchase of laptops, iPads,
- subscription to online resources.
- School grounds maintenance and improvements.

Tullamarine 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 Instalments via Compass for Camps

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Anna Ruhle
Principal Signature

Anna Van Dyke
School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • *Bookpack ($45)* • *Art – Paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay, music instrument ($10)* • *STEM – Design & Tech Equipment ($10)* • *Auslan Program – Scissors, textas, pencils, paper & pens ($8)* • *Sports – equipment ($8)*	*$84*
Online subscriptions • *Essential Assessments – Math, Mathematic & Math 300 ($14)* • *English – Essential Assessment & Story Book ($9)* • *Library – Biotech ($4)* • *Vivi Subscription – Mirroring work from devices to TV $9*	$36
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	$30
F-2 Swimming and water safety 8 day program (Average Cost per student is $152.18 includes bus and lesson) DET provide funding of $8880.00 ($106.98 per student)	$45
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	*$5*
Total Curriculum Contributions	***$200.00***

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
School Sports Victoria affiliation	*$2*
Student wellbeing – Mindful and Resilience Resources	$4
First aid equipment & materials	$4
Total Other Contributions	***$10***

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Tullamarine Primary School 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. Payment will be requested through Compass Events throughout the year.

Total

Category		Totals
Curriculum Contributions		$200.00
Other Contributions	*(Non-tax deductible)*	$10.00
Total		**$210.00**

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Tullamarine Primary School. Payment can be made electronically via Compass. Alternatively, cash and EFTPOS payments can be made directly at the office.

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

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	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.