



30 January 2026

Valley Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – DAVID JENES

School Council President – Pariece Nelligan

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome everyone to a new year at Templestowe Valley Primary School. We are looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year.

Start Up Program

At the beginning of the year, the teachers run a 'start up program' to help build relationships in the classroom. The students get to know each other and their teacher. They also learn the routines of the classroom and the expectations. The students will also start their curriculum including home reading and homework tasks.

Meet and Greet

Our meet and greet sessions will take place in Week 4 (Tuesday 17/2 and Thursday 19/2) from 3:40-6pm. Each parent will have a 10 minute slot with their teacher to talk about important information about their child. Bookings will open on Compass on Monday 2 February.

2026 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications

From 1 January 2026, families eligible for CSEF ([application form below](#)) will see an increase in support to \$400 for primary and secondary school children.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following on the first student day of Term 1 (28 January 2026) or Term 2 (20 April 2026):

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid means-tested concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's [Mature Minors and Decision Making policy](#)
- a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor.

If you are eligible and have not yet completed an application for 2026, please fill in the attached form and return to the office by no later than **19 FEBRUARY 2026 in order for funds to be processed asap**. Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school.

NB:- If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. i.e.

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Calendar

February	
2/2	Meet and Greet Bookings go 'live' No Assembly
4/2	Prep Assessments
9/2	First Assembly 9am
11/2	Prep Assessments
13/2	Meet and Greet Times Close
18/2	Prep Assessments
17/2	District Swimming
19/2	Prep Assessments
23/2	Preps First Full Week School Council 6:30pm
27/2	Year 1 & 2 Excursion Bundoora Park

March	
2/3	Division Swimming
5/3	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport
9/3	Labour Day Public Holiday
11 – 23/3	Yr 3&5 NAPLAN
18/3	School Photos
21/3	Harmony Day
23/3	Yrs 3-6 Swimming Lessons School Council 6:30pm
30/3	District Tennis

2026 Term Dates

27 January to 2 April

20 April to 26 June

13 July to 18 September

5 October to 18 December

Prep Students 2026

Our Prep students started at TVPS on Thursday 29 January. They are enjoying getting to know their teachers and classmates and loved spending time with their Big Buddies.



School Maintenance

During the holidays, we have been completing some important jobs whilst the students aren't onsite. We have had many tradesmen onsite maintaining the facilities. The STEM Room has had a few upgrades and should be ready next week. A huge thank you to Michael (Clara's grandfather) who has been painting our outdoor seats throughout the holidays – they look fantastic.

Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy (available on our website), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [\[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education\]](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [\[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education\]](#), please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Manharin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Drop off and Pick up

Just a reminder to parents to check the signs carefully when parking around our school. Please don't park in driveways or in No Standing zones. The local laws officers are patrolling to check the parking. Please also remind your children to use the school crossing and look both ways when crossing any roads.

School Crossings

We have a school crossing operated by the Manningham Council on Airds Road and Birchwood Avenue. Please use these crossings when crossing the road for the safety of your child.

Uniform

If you need to purchase new uniform, you can attend the uniform shop next to the canteen on a Monday from 9:30-10:30. If you need to order at any other time, please contact Sam Smith who looks after all uniform requirements. Order forms are available at the office and on the website.

Second Hand uniform is available for purchase from the Hall with Donna and Dora on a Monday morning 9:30-10:30.

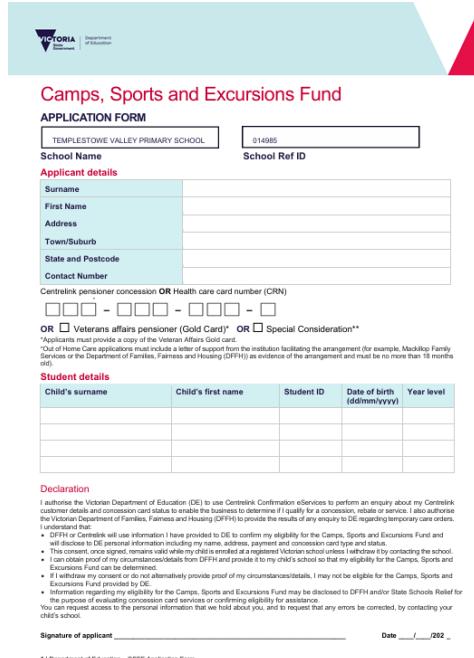
Hats

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear their hats at school, especially Term 1 & 4 and on days when the UV level is 3 or above. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop. A 'No Hat, No Play' policy applies. Students without hats will stay in the undercover areas during recess and lunch times.

Carparks

Just a reminder that the carparks inside the school grounds are for staff only, deliveries and emergency vehicles. Please don't park in these carparks. Please use the drop off zones or parking bays around the school.

General Reminders



The image shows a screenshot of the 'Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Application Form'. The form is a standard online application with various input fields. At the top, there is a logo for 'VICTORIA Department of Education'. The form is titled 'Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund' and 'APPLICATION FORM'. It includes fields for 'School Name' (TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL) and 'School Ref ID' (014985). The 'Applicant details' section contains fields for 'Surname', 'First Name', 'Address', 'Town/Suburb', 'State and Postcode', and 'Contact Number'. There is a note about Centrelink pensioner concession or Health care card number (CRN) with a placeholder '0000 - 0000 - 0000 - 00'. There are checkboxes for 'Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)*' and 'Special Consideration*'. A note states: 'Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card. Other evidence of pensioner status must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Modville Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFHH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old.' The 'Student details' section has a table with columns for 'Child's surname', 'Child's first name', 'Student ID', 'Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)', and 'Year level'. The 'Declaration' section contains a long list of checkboxes regarding consent, information sharing, and withdrawal of consent. At the bottom, there is a signature line for 'Signature of applicant' and a date field 'Date ____/____/2024'. A small note at the bottom left says '1 | Department of Education - CSF Application Form'.

Wellbeing

Tips for members of the TVPS community. For more information, please contact Mrs Hillman.

Social Media Reminder

As we move into 2026, we encourage families to continue actively monitoring all **social media, online gaming and digital platforms** used by children at home. Regular conversations and supervision play an important role in supporting students' safety and wellbeing online.

Below are a range of **trusted resources and upcoming parent webinars** to support families with cyber safety and healthy technology use.

Online Safety and Gaming

Game Aware

<https://www.gameaware.com.au/>

eSafety Commissioner Resources

Videos and parent tools:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources#videos>

eSafety Commission – Term One Seminars

Social media age restrictions explained – a guide for parents and carers

From 10 December 2025, children under 16 will not be able to create or keep an account on certain platforms. This 30-minute info session explains the changes.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions/webinars>

Dates:

- 10 February 2026, 12.30pm
- 24 February 2026, 12.30pm

Recognising online coercive control in young people's lives

45-minute webinar on tech-based coercive control, warning signs and supporting young people.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/#rt/91845956569686877>

- 11 March 2026, 1pm

Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into secondary school

Strategies for navigating online friendships and pressures in upper primary and Year 7.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/#rt/5946278081704773979>

- 11 February 2026, 12.30pm

Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online

Overview of tools and ways to support safe tech use.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/#rt/4896249974736729694>

- 5 March 2026, 12.30pm

Social Media & Wellbeing

Navigating the Social Media Delay (Pre-recorded Webinar)

<https://lifeed.org.au/resources/parents/navigating-the-social-media-delay-webinar/>

