

November 2021

PREP & YEAR 1 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Templestowe Valley Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Templestowe Valley's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music and physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

In the past TVPS have purchased book pack items in bulk on parents' behalf, due to changes in the Parent Payment Policy School Council have agreed that next year parents will purchase these directly through a third party. The Maxim Office Group are able to supply these book packs. They have provided student stationary items for a number of years, and when comparing suppliers the quality and pricing that they quoted lead them to be the most competitive. Book packs directly ordered through Maxim will be delivered to the school and will be able to be collected on **Thursday January 27th 2022**.

There will be no upfront lump payment for excursions in 2022. Excursions will be charged on a 'user pays' basis as they were for 2021. In order for a student to attend the excursion/incursion, it must be paid for by the due date before each event. The total cost per student will amount to approximately:

- Prep to Year 4 - \$120
- Years 5 and 6 - \$140

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. Students in each of the different year levels will receive a notification via Compass for the recommended voluntary financial contribution specific to their year level.

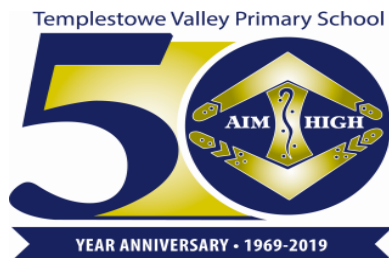
We thank you for your continued support of the excellent educational opportunities we offer to your child.

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

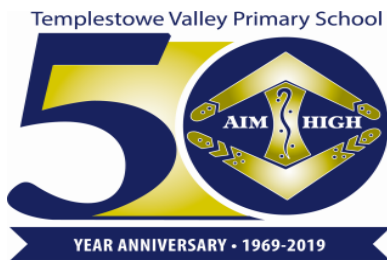
Yours sincerely,

Alison Rees
Principal

Eva Wong
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading • Mathematics – shared classroom materials – list • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers, shared classroom materials – list • Classroom – shared classroom materials – list • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials <p><i>*Parents purchase previously supplied Book Packs through a 3rd party</i></p>	\$58
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seesaw • Reading Eggs • Sunshine Online • CARS and STARS • Mathletics • Essential Assessment • Problemo • PAT – Maths, Reading, Vocab, and Science 	\$69
<p><i>ICT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution towards 1:1 Access to laptops/ipads 	\$35
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$25
Total Amount	\$187
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student & Parent Communication Tools (Compass)</i>	\$10
<p><i>First Aid Officer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the school's priority to provide a high level of health care to students through the employment of a First Aid Officer. To ensure the continuation of this important care we strongly encourage families to support this program through contributions. 	\$35 \$40 \$50
<p><i>Ground Maintenance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are invited to donate \$50 per family towards the upkeep and maintenance of the school grounds 	\$50
<p><i>Building Fund (Tax deductible)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This fund ensures a safe and well-resourced environment for our community. Building Fund donations are used for maintaining and improving the buildings and surrounds of the school. Suggested amounts are \$25/\$50/\$75 per family 	\$
<p><i>Library Fund (Tax deductible)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The money raised through this voluntary contribution is used solely for updating the library. Library resources will continue to be purchased to strengthen the school's programs and student learning. Suggested amounts are \$25/\$50/\$75 per family 	\$
Total Amount	\$



- Some families may also choose to make a donation to the school for another school project or initiative.
- **Please note** - All donations listed above are voluntary in nature with a suggested contribution amount. It is a family's choice to donate.

Educational items for students to own

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from third party providers for your child to individually own and use.

Educational items for students to own	Amount
<i>Book pack per list previously provided, available to purchase direct from Maxim Office Supplies</i>	<i>Refer to booklist</i>

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Templestowe Valley 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Payments to be made as activities occur throughout the year)	Approximate Amount
<i>School magazine/ yearbook</i>	<i>\$15 (approx.)</i>
<i>Optional Swimming (after completion of theory in the classroom including LSV online water safety)</i>	<i>\$120 (approx.)</i>
<i>Optional school camp for years 3 - 6</i>	<i>n/a</i>
<i>Optional Interschool Sports, cross country, and athletics</i>	<i>n/a</i>
<i>Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled</i>	<i>\$120 (approx.)</i>
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities (to be paid throughout the year)	\$255 (approx.)

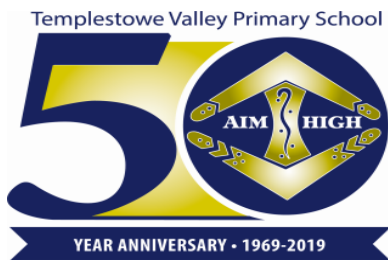
Total

Category	
<i>Curriculum Contributions</i>	<i>\$</i>
<i>Other Contributions</i>	<i>\$</i>
<i>Extra-Curricular Items and activities</i>	<i>\$</i>

Financial Support for Families

Templestowe Valley Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to eligible healthcare holders
- Flexible payment arrangements - available on Compass with three (3) equal instalment dates, or tailored to individual needs
- State Schools relief



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

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Payment Methods

2022 School Approved Contributions are available to pay on Compass from the **1st of January 2022** and is Templestowe Valley Primary School's preferred method of payment. Payments can also be made by cash or credit card.

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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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:

<p>Curriculum Contributions Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.</p>	<p>Other Contributions Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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- 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.