

Taradale Primary School

Dear parent/guardian,

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

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 this support has allowed us to create a unique learning environment that caters for social, emotional and educational needs of students including the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden programs, materials for Outdoor Investigations and a range of specialist classes unique for a small school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Burgess
Principal

Tiff Ingliss
School Council President

Taradale Primary School

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, coloured paper \$10 • Cooking – ingredients \$15 • Gardening – consumables \$15 • Library – books \$6 • Sports – equipment \$10 • Drama – Hall hire, costumes, props \$10 • Wellbeing – “Making friends with Worry” \$7 	\$73
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessments 	\$20
Swimming and water safety program	\$55
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$148

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$5
Student wellbeing programs	\$7
Total Other Contributions	\$12

Educational items for students to own

2026 Book boxes can be ordered online at www.edplus.com.au using school login details TARPRI2026R. Alternatively, parents/carers can arrange for their own equivalent stationary for students to individually own and use.

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

Taradale Primary 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School camp – Boomerang Camp	\$TBA
Interschool sports/activities program	\$TBA
Excursion/s to be scheduled	\$TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Total

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Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$148
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$12
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA
Total	\$160

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (form must be presented to office before June)
- 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, contact:

Jane Braszell

Ph: 03 5423 2247 | Email: jane.braszell@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Via Compass: Course Confirmation/Payments

Lump Sum Payment or Instalments via Parent Portal on Compass

Direct Deposit (Please note name on transfer)

EFTPOS at front office

Cash at front 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 Payments 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

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.