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## TATE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parent/guardian,

Tate Street Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Tate Street's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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 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 provide outstanding teaching and learning opportunities for your children.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Tony Mirabella*

Tony Mirabella  
Acting Principal

*Lara Jeffery*

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School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</li> <li>• Science – materials</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy blocks</li> <li>• English – book boxes</li> <li>• Sports – equipment</li> </ul>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential assessment</li> <li>• Twinkl</li> <li>• PAT maths &amp; reading</li> </ul>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<i>Educational items for students to own: TSPS have been able to purchase these items in bulk at a reduced price. If you do not wish to contribute and would prefer to purchase your own items, please contact the school for a booklist.</i> <i>Student diary</i>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Student wellbeing programs: Wise Child, Puberty Sessions, Play is the Way, Respectful Relationships</i>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<i>First aid equipment</i>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Celebration days</i>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<i>Other voluntary non-curriculum contribution (family to nominate amount)</i>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

Tate Street 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.

*The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.*

## Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – (CSEF) available to valid Health Care Card holders
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans by direct deposit or Centrepay

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Jane Dabrowski on ph. 03 5221 2780 or [Jane.Dabrowski@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jane.Dabrowski@education.vic.gov.au)

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

Please use the below table to list your family/student details and total contribution for 2023:

Family name	Total contribution
Student name	\$
Student name	\$
Student name	\$
Student name	\$
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$</b>

## 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.]*

## 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:

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>
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.