



TATE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2022

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 Primary School'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 of 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 Math's. Other programs which we are able to offer because of your contributions include Bicycle Education, the Senior Drama Program, the Choir, the exemplary Marimba Band, the Sailing Program, and the variety of Welfare Programs such as Puberty and 'Play is the Way'. We are also able to subsidise our swimming program and our celebration days such as Harmony Day, the Bush Dance or the Footy Day and the Winter Solstice and Garden Fair. All of these programs running alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs are imperative so as to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

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

Yours sincerely,

Terry Scott
Terry Scott
Principal

Joanne Dahlstrom
Jo Dahlstrom
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"> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading</i> • <i>Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</i> • <i>Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, text books, stationary, maths kits</i> • <i>English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers,</i> • <i>Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers</i> • <i>Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials</i> • <i>Music – instruments, books, pens, markers and folders</i> • <i>Library – books, subscriptions</i> 	\$130
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seesaw</i> • <i>Twinkl</i> • <i>MEG – language program</i> 	\$30
<p><i>ICT & STEM –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>STEM equipment and devices</i> • <i>provision of iPads and devices from the shared classroom sets</i> 	\$10
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$5
<p><i>Whole school events:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Athletics carnival</i> • <i>Harmony Day</i> • <i>Winters’s solstice and Garden festival (alternate years)</i> • <i>School dance</i> • <i>Bike Ed, Big Day In, Prep 100 day celebration</i> 	\$5
Headset: New in prep and replaced as required	\$10
Total Amount	\$190
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria & EGDSA membership</i>	\$5
<i>Student wellbeing programs: Puberty program, Wise child, Smiling Mind, Theraplay, Heart masters, Stop-think-do, Seeing Red, Peaceful kids, Be You.</i>	\$
<i>Sustainability program: (please nominate an amount)</i>	\$
<i>School grounds mowing, maintenance and repairs: (please nominate an amount)</i>	\$
Total Amount	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Tate Street 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	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>School magazine/ yearbook</i>	\$15	
<i>Optional school camp for years 3 - 6</i>	\$TBA	
<i>Optional Interschool Sports, cross country, and athletics</i>	\$TBA	
<i>Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled</i>	\$TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Tate Street 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 Health Care Card holders*
- *Centrepay*
- *Individual payment plans*
- *State schools relief*

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

Jane Dabrowski

Ph: 03 5221 2780 Email: Jane.Dabrowski@education.vic.gov.au

Your details:		
Student's name:	Year level	\$
Curriculum Contributions		\$
Other Contributions		\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$
TOTAL		\$

Payment methods

- Cash
- EFTPOS
- Direct debit from your debit or credit card
- Direct deposit to the school's bank account. Commonwealth bank: 063 512 / 1015 9233

I authorise \$_____ to be charged to my Visa / MasterCard.

Details as follows:

NAME (as on card)																			
CARD NO:						-						-				-			
SIGNATURE																			
		VISA		MASTERCARD		EXPIRY DATE	____Month____Year												

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:

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.