



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 Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Parent/carers voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs.

This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children.

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.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years.

Your support in 2025 allowed us to:

- *provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Inquiry, Language and PE*
- *provide classroom consumables and stationery items.*
- *maintain and develop the school grounds.*
- *ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities.*
- *maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills.*
- *provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes.*
- *facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions.*
- *deliver a range of sporting equipment and access to play materials.*
- *offer effective first aid for all students.*

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tony Mirabella', written in a cursive style.

*Tony Mirabella
Principal*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Carly Jchu', written in a cursive style.

*Carly Jchu
School Council President*

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Educational items and classroom consumables, materials:</i> • <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>	\$60.00
<i>Online learning subscriptions</i> • <i>Essential assessment</i> • <i>Twinkl</i> • <i>PAT maths and reading</i> • <i>SCIS Library system</i>	\$10.00
<i>Core subjects: English, Mathematics, Integrated studies. Printing, photocopying and laminating.</i>	\$50.00
<i>Music</i>	\$15.00
<i>Visual Art</i>	\$15.00
<i>PE & sport</i>	\$15.00
<i>STEM -</i>	\$10.00
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$20.00
<i>Science</i>	\$15.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$210.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$10.00
<i>Celebration days</i>	\$10.00
<i>First aid equipment, tissues and hand sanitizers</i>	\$10.00
<i>Library</i>	\$10.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$60.00
<i>Extra voluntary non-curriculum contribution</i>	\$
Total Other Contributions	\$

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, camps and activities will be advised throughout the year. A list of 2026 extracurricular costs is available from the office to help with budgeting.*

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 (CSEF) available to valid Health Care Card holders*
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities via direct deposit or Centrepay*
- *For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Jane Dabrowski on 5221 2780 or Jane.Dabrowski@education.vic.gov.au*

Please use the table below to list your family/student details and total contribution for 2026

Family name:	Total contribution per student
<i>Student name</i>	\$
<i>Student name</i>	\$
<i>Student name</i>	\$
<i>Student name</i>	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods:

- EFTPOS
- Cash
- Direct deposit CBA. BSB 063-512 Acc. 1015 9233. Please use your family name and “2026 contributions” in reference.
- Personalised payment plan
- Centrepay – for holders of an approved Health Care Card – please see the 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.