



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 2024.

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 2023 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 read 'Tony Mirabella', written in a cursive style.

*Tony Mirabella
Principal*

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

*Carly Jehu
School Council Vice President*

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science – materials • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • English – book boxes • Sports – equipment 	\$90.00
<i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential assessment • Twinkl • PAT maths and reading 	\$10.00
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$20.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$10.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Student diary 	\$70.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$200.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$5.00
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$10.00
<i>Celebration days</i>	\$5.00
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$5.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$20.00
Other voluntary non-curriculum contribution	\$
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.

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*

Totals:

Please use the below table to list your family/student details and total contribution for 2024.

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:

- EFT
- Cash
- Direct deposit CBA. BSB 063-512 Acc. 1015 9233. Please use your family name and "2024 contributions" in reference.
- Personalised payment plan

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.



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.

