



THOMASTOWN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

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

The Curriculum Contributions for 2026 will play a vital role in supporting the school to provide students with a wide range of essential supplies and equipment. This includes general classroom materials such as stationary, paper, posters, charts and craft items, as well as library resources and specific materials for subjects like English, Maths, Science, Languages and PE. These contributions help fund the upkeep of school devices for the students and any associated maintenance. Additionally, they support extra curriculum activities and online learning subscriptions. Sporting equipment and shared ICT devices are also funded through this support, ensuring all our students have access to high quality resources and opportunities that enhance their learning experience.

2026 CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

\$220.00

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; this makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

School Council President



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FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Thomastown 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

If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact our parent payment contacts:

Administration – Alessia Fitzgerald, Najla Awad or Alisha Priestley

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PAYMENT METHODS

- Compass Pay
- Eftpos
- Cash

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

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.