



Thomastown Primary School

Dear Families,

Thomastown Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Thomastown Primary Schools 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 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 have Digital and online subscriptions for Mathletics and Reading Eggs, Compass for attendance and school reports. Extra- Curricular Swimming and water safety programs are conducted. Enhanced digital learning opportunities - each student is supplied with a computer / Apple Ipad and other IT Essentials. Upkeep of devices owned by the school for Student use also requires maintenance and ongoing upgrades.

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

Yours sincerely,

Marion Wetherbee
Principal

Kerryn Holland
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum-GL74408	Amount
<p>Foundation to Grade 6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General classroom materials and equipment (e.g., shared classroom stationery, paper, posters/charts, craft items, classroom libraries, readers) • Subject specific materials and equipment (e.g., materials for English, Mathematics, Language, Science, Art, Music, Physical Education) • Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT (e.g., devices owned by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance, server/system costs) • Photocopying and printing for students (e.g., printed learning resources, photocopying of student worksheets.) • Curriculum activities (e.g., excursions, incursions, whole-school carnivals, including transport and entry) • Assessments (e.g., online standardised testing) • Student planners / diaries • Sports –Sporting equipment eg: Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Tennis Balls and all assorted sporting equipment. <p>Years – Foundation to Grade 6 Digital and Online Subscriptions for learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics – School subsidises this program cost to each student \$30.00 • Reading Eggs - School subsidises this program cost to each student \$30.00 <p>Years - Foundation to Grade 6 ICT Devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT Devices – provision of laptop devices from the shared classroom sets. School subsidises all laptop devices Cost for each student \$100.00 	<p>\$120.00</p>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities – GL74410	Amount
<p>Student and Parent communication tools Software</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Dojo- School subsidises this software program for students & parents • Compass- School subsidises this software program for students & parents 	
<p>First Aid Equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid and hygiene costs \$10.00 per student-School provides all first aid, hand sanitiser and all first aid equipment. 	



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Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none">A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested donation amounts \$30.00 - \$60.00.	
Library fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none">A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested donation amounts \$30.00 - \$60.00.	
Total Amount	



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Thomastown 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities -GL74409	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Additional Swimming classes and associated Costs outside the standard swimming and water safety program. \$90.00	Cost To be confirmed	
Optional Year 6 school camp	\$165.00	
Grade 6 Graduation – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of USB • Signature Bears • Graduation Gifts 	\$60.00	
School Photos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Photos price is determined by what Photo pack the parent chooses. 	Cost TBA	
Optional Grade 3 to 6 Interschool Sports program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer • Netball • T-Ball • Football • Indoor Basketball & Soccer • Cricket • Kanga Cricket • Rounders • Bat Tennis \$10.00 per student for each sporting activity.	\$100.00	
Years Foundation to Grade 6 -Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport (\$10.00) • Bus transportation 	\$10.00	



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Other optional Foundation to Grade 6 camps and excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$335.00

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

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

Administration – Sue Lark or Nahla Bardan

Ph: 03 9465 2225 | Email: thomastown.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions – Suggested Curriculum Contributions \$120.00 GL74408	
Other Contributions – Student Communication Software, First Aid Equipment, Building Fund and Library Fund. Suggested donation amount \$30.00 to \$60.00 GL74410	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities as listed on Page 4 - \$325.00 GL74409	

Payment methods

- Eftpos
- Cash

Refunds

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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.