



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2026

Dear Families,

Tungamah Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to continue to offer stationery packs, weekly Skillzone sessions and provide up-to-date iPads for each student.

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

Yours sincerely,

Gemma Whinray  
Principal

Danielle Lawrence  
School Council President



### 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	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.



### Curriculum Contributions:

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

Amount

#### Classroom consumables, materials & equipment

- *General classroom supplies – pencils, pens, scrap/project books, reading diary, maths grid books, ruler, scissors, glue sticks, sticky notes, book box, dotted third books, eraser, sharpener, highlighters*

\$20

#### Art (MACC)

- *glue, scissors, textas, pencils, craft supplies*

\$10

#### Library (MARC)

- *glue, scissors, textas, pencils, library access*

\$10

#### ICT Devices

- *provision of iPad from the shared classroom set*

\$10

#### Online Subscriptions

- *Essential Assessment, Book Creator, Reading Eggs (Juniors)*

\$10

#### Whole school events

- *Athletics carnival*
- *Tabloid Sports events*

\$10

#### Total Amount

**\$70**

### Financial Support for Families- Curriculum Contributions

Tungamah Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Payment plans
- Partial payment

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

Gemma Whinray

Ph: 03 5748 5627 Email: [gemma.whinray@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gemma.whinray@education.vic.gov.au)



Voluntary Contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
• First aid supplies	\$10
• School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$60</b>

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Approx. amount
Tungamah 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 and activities will be advised throughout the year.	
• <i>Optional Grade 3-6 School Camp to the Melbourne</i>	\$200 TBC
• <i>Optional Foundation to Grade 2- Literacy Excursion</i>	\$25 TBC
• <i>Optional Whole School, End of Year Excursion</i>	\$25 TBC

## Financial Support for Families- Camps and Excursions

Tungamah Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions ( <i>Non-tax deductible</i> )	\$
Donations	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Payment methods

B-Pay is the preferred method of payment, please see the Business Manager for your family's details.

Direct Debit to:

Tungamah Primary School

BSB- 063 537

ACC- 1003 4655

Please leave your family name in payment details.