

# Templestowe Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Templestowe Park Primary School is looking forward to the students having another successful year in 2023 and would like to advise you of Templestowe Park's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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. Over the years this has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer our students.

We thought it prudent to provide you with a summary of how the parent contributions have allowed us to provide the very best school experience for all our students. Your contributions have allowed Templestowe Park PS to:

- Purchase the very best literacy and numeracy resources for student use.
- Enter a range of academic competitions. Once again, Templestowe Park PS students performed exceedingly well in Regional Debating Days, Maths Games, Maths Talent Quest (MTQ) and the Maths Olympiad. **This included Prep S, 1M and 3P being named State Champions in the 2022 MTQ and our additional class and student entries achieving 12 High Distinctions and 5 Distinctions. These were the best results for any school in Victoria.**
- Provide numerous Literacy and Numeracy support programs that include the Screening and Intervention in Early Number (SIREN) program (1-2), MiniLit early literacy intervention program (Gr 1), Reading Assistance Program (P-2) and Reading Tutor Program (3-6).
- Enter a wide variety of student sporting events. Our students have participated in Hoop Time basketball (3-6), interschool sport (5-6), This Girl Can football day (Gr 5/6), Orienteering competitions and numerous other School Sport Victoria (SSV) events. **This included our girls freestyle and medley relay teams winning the Primary State Championships in 2022.**
- Employ a Target Teacher and Maths Extension Teacher for enrichment and support of students. This included a very high number of students being selected to participate in the Victorian High Ability Program.
- Enrich the standard curriculum further with Specialist STEM, Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Chinese programs. Templestowe Park offers one of the most comprehensive Specialist programs in Victoria.
- Hire a specialist teacher to run our Sustainability program on Fridays as we work towards becoming a five-star sustainable school. Our sustainability initiatives include caring for our chickens and maintaining our award-winning Outdoor Eco Education Centre (OEEC).
- Continually improve our grounds and facilities. In 2022 this has included: a new seating area and shade sails over the space next to the school hall, two new Ga Ga Ball pits in the playground, new furniture and shelving in the school library and numerous playground and grounds improvements.

Please note - this is only a small selection of the additional resources and programs that we offer at Templestowe Park above the free instruction of our students.

Please find overleaf Templestowe Park Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2023, which includes an overview of what your contributions will contribute towards.

Department of Education and Training guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. Parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours faithfully,  
Mark Roberts  
PRINCIPAL

Ben White  
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



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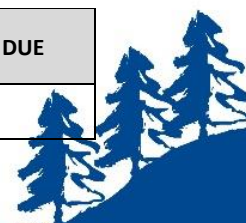
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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Curriculum Contributions		Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum Consumables: covering stationery items including but not limited to: scrapbooks, exercise books, display books, art folio, document wallet foolscap, pencils/ pens (depending on grade), pencil case, colour pencils/wax crayons, white board markers, wooden ruler, sharpener, erasers, glue sticks, scissors, etc. <b>Please note</b> – all resources will be delivered to school. (\$50)</li> <li>Consumables for Art (\$40)</li> <li>Consumables for STEM (\$40)</li> <li>Consumables for Literacy (\$40)</li> <li>Consumables for Mathematics (\$40)</li> <li>Consumables for Language (\$25)</li> <li>Consumables for Food Tech (\$15)</li> <li>Consumables for Wellbeing (\$20)</li> </ul>		\$270
<b>Online Subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths Online Subscription (\$15)</li> <li>Literacy Online Subscription (\$15)</li> <li>Other subscriptions (\$10)</li> </ul>		\$40
Other Contributions: Non-curriculum items and activities		Amount
<b>School Grounds Levy</b> This voluntary contribution allows us to maintain our extensive playgrounds, sporting ovals and gardens. It allows us to have the grass cut on a regular basis, to hire 'Connecting Skills Australia' (Organisation that integrates adults with a disability in the workforce) to maintain our gardens, to have an arborist assess our trees annually and cut down any unsafe branches and to pay for a maintenance man to ensure our grounds are safe for play. Payment of this levy reduces the number of parent working bees during the year.		\$60 or personal option
Tax deductible contributions		
<b>Building Trust Fund – Tax Deductible</b> This voluntary contribution allows us to maintain our outstanding and award-winning buildings in a safe and immaculate condition. It enables us to pay for a yearly painting and maintenance program. It also enables safety issues to be addressed immediately and for other developmental work to be undertaken, enriching the learning environment for all students.		\$80 or personal option
<b>Library Trust Fund – Tax Deductible</b> This voluntary contribution enables our school to develop the library into a superior research & reading centre. It will ensure that students have access to a wide variety of quality books and resources. All students have access to class sets of laptop computers & iPads. We will continue to improve the library & classrooms with technology advancements & book choices for all students with this fund.		\$80 or personal option
<b>Total Requested Amount</b>		<b>\$530</b>

Curriculum Consumables	Online Subscriptions	School Grounds Levy	Building Trust Fund	Library Trust Fund	TOTAL DUE
\$	+\$	+\$	+\$	+\$	=\$



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## Due Date

Please contribute to the above fees by Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

## Curriculum Consumables

All students from Grades Prep-6 will receive their curriculum consumables at school and once again, book packs will not be used in 2023. The student stationery items will be sent to the classrooms directly. If the Curriculum Consumables contribution is paid in full your child will individually own all stationery and resources. If it is partially paid or not at all, your child will be able to borrow resources but not own them.

## Complete Course Confirmation through Compass (Parents)

Please log into your account, via "browser" mode, where you will see (highlighted in green): **Course Confirmation/School Payments**. Click here to proceed

Follow the prompts to pay for the 2023 Parent Payments, taking time to read the first text box.

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Templestowe Park PS 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. They include:

- Optional school camps;
- Optional excursions and incursions;
- Optional interschool sports competitions; and
- Optional school yearbook.

We will publish these events on Compass throughout the year. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please complete consent and payment via Compass.

## Financial Support for Families

Templestowe Park PS 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 the school's Business Manager:

Sanober Najamul Arefeen: Phone: 9846 2700 | Email: templestowe.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

## Payment methods

Payments can be made via:

- Compass Course Confirmation (this is our preferred method as it provides us with a strong and easily accessible audit trail of the payments made); or
- Cash or EFTPOS via the school 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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.



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## 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.

