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TEMPLESTOWE PARK PS 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Templestowe Park PS for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Templestowe Park PS offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Sanober Arefeen (9846 2700), (Sanober.NajamulArefeen@education.vic.gov.au)

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number (9846 2700). An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Roberts
PRINCIPAL

Shalina Navaratnam
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less
• **Voluntary contributions** to enhance our school's range of programs, **resources** and environment.	$340
Tax-deductible voluntary contributions	**Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less**
Voluntary - Building Trust Fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support renovations and upgrades of school infrastructure.	$140
Voluntary – Library Trust Fund: a tax-deductible contribution to support library maintenance and enhancements	$80
Total Requested Amount	**$560**

Curriculum Consumables	Online Subscriptions	Building Trust Fund	Library Trust Fund	TOTAL DUE
$	+ $	+ $	+ $	= $

Templestowe Park PS understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms** - delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

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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 2027 Parent Payments, taking time to read the first text box.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Templestowe Park PS offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families above).

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.

Payment methods
Payments can be made via:

- Cash or EFTPOS via the school office. (Please note: cash payments need to be the exact amount as we do not carry cash at school.)

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 Contributions policy

Information for families

FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools give students free instruction in the curriculum. This includes:

- Free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.
- The Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major, and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Free access to all subjects, including elective subjects.
- Free access to select-entry and accelerated programs.

FAMILIES CAN CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

Schools can invite 2 types of voluntary contributions:

Voluntary contributions	Tax deductible contributions
Used towards enhanced educational programs and school environment, and additional resources and opportunities offered by schools	Used towards building and/or library fund (for those schools who have such funds)

Schools must advise the carers of students in out-of-home care and parents and carers who hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card) that the invitation to make voluntary contributions does not apply to them.

In addition, schools can invite parents and carers to pay for optional:

- Extra-curricular items and activities that go beyond the curriculum - for example, school photos, some excursions and some camps.
- Learning materials for students to individually use and own - for example, textbooks, stationery, and in secondary schools only, digital devices. If these items are not bought or provided from home, schools will provide students with free access to what they need for curriculum delivery.

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

Each school has a contact person who can discuss with parents and carers the financial supports that are available.