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IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ 2026 Family Contribution Year Prep

Dear Families,

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

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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has enabled us to broaden our curriculum, provide essential learning resources to students, renew and enhance the provision of digital technology throughout the school, improve assessment practices, and provide rich and extensive programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. Our specialist programs of Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Science are exemplary, and your financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of varied art and science resources, musical instruments and sporting equipment. Our fantastic playgrounds, sports oval and outside facilities have all been supported through our combined efforts.

All these programs play an essential role in maximising academic and wellbeing outcomes for every student and ensure their experiences at Tinternvale are engaging, meaningful and effective.

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

Yours sincerely,

FAIRLIE TUCKER
School Council President

ANNE JOHNSTON
School Council Treasurer

JOANNE WOOD
Principal

TINTERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP (FOUNDATION)

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Student Book Pack Includes all stationery items (see attached list) Headphones Reading Bags	\$95.00 \$10.00 \$10.00
Consumable materials and supplies for specialist and classroom programs (English, Maths, ICT, Visual Arts, Library, Physical Education, Auslan, Science) Includes paints, textiles, glitter, cardboard, craft paper, clay, cover paper, project books, coloured paper, award stickers, laminating pouches, masking tape, glue, whiteboard markers, playdough.	\$135.00
Digital devices	\$50.00
Digital Learning Subscriptions PAT Maths, Little Learners Love Literacy, Storybox Library, iPad apps, Top10 Maths and Auslan	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$350.00

	Tax deductible	Suggested voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	No	eg \$25	\$25
Library (purchase of new books and materials)	Yes	eg \$25	\$25
		TOTAL	\$50.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Tinternvale 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.

However, as requested by our parent community, an estimate of extra costs per term, will be communicated with families to assist with future planning.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities based on 2025 prices, may change in 2026	Amount
Camps/Excursions/Incursions/Sport (To be charge on PAYG basis)	\$150.00
Swimming Program	\$50.00

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 that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.

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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.