

Tarneit Rise Primary School 2025 Prep Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Tarneit Rise Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Tarneit Rise Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, continued payment of these contributions will ensure that our school can offer the same standard of education and support for your child(ren) that we have provided since beginning.

Each year we review parent payment contributions, ensuring value for money, as well as simplicity for families to organise and equity for children, which means each child receives the best possible education and environment for learning. These contributions are used to purchase art, music and physical education equipment, as well as iPads for our Prep and grade 1 & 2 students. **The school relies on parent contributions so we can provide a broad and rigorous educational experience for your child(ren).**

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,



Nadia Bettio
Principal



Naomi Strauss
School Council President

<u>Curriculum Contributions</u> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 A4 Document Wallet ○ 1 Mini Whiteboard Eraser ○ 1 A4 64 Page Exercise Book 18mm Ruled ○ 1 Jumbo Triangular Colour Pencils 12 Pack with Sharpener ○ 6 Mega Spacebuddies Scrapbook 64 Page 330 x 240mm ○ 4 School Glue Stick Purple 40g ○ 1 Premium Twistable Crayons 12 Pack ○ 1 A4 64 Page Exercise Book 24mm Dotted Thirds ○ 1 Teachables Handwriting Student Whiteboard 24mm Dotted Thirds ○ 1 330 x 240mm 64 Page Mega Story Book 24mm Plain/Dotted Thirds ○ 4 2B Junior Triangular Pencils ○ 4 Black Whiteboard Markers Bullet Tip ○ 1 Headphones with Mesh Draw String Bag ○ 1 Wellbeing Journal 	\$68.00
<p><i>Online subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Essential Assessment \$9.00 ○ Jamf Pro \$9.00 ○ Aussie Decodables \$2.00 ○ Cyber Safety Project \$5.00 	\$25.00
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$20.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$25.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$138.00
<u>Other Contributions</u> - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$2.00
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$5.00
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$5.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements (covered by TRPS)</i>	\$0.00
Total Other Contributions	\$12.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (Suggested - \$50).	\$50.00
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support resources, renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of the school Library (Suggested - \$50).	\$50.00

Curriculum Activities

Tarneit Rise Primary School offers an incursion each year for Prep students. This incursion is provided by a third-party to access the curriculum.

Curriculum Activities	Amount
<i>Bravehearts incursion to be scheduled and paid for at a later date</i>	\$10
Total Curriculum Activities	\$10

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

Tarneit Rise 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. Please note this does not need to be paid until the due date for each activity as per the Compass Events.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Swimming and Water Safety Program Additional Lessons</i> <i>Parents may be requested to pay for additional lessons which extend beyond the basic water safety program delivered as part of the curriculum.</i>	TBA
<i>Excursions and incursions to be scheduled (estimated: \$100)</i>	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Payment methods

- CompassPay
- EFTPOS
- BPay

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

Financial Support for Families

Tarneit Rise 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)
- Compass Payment Plans for Curriculum Contributions
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Centrepay

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

Alyssa Tobin

Ph: 03 7002 6580 | Email: tarneit.rise.ps@education.vic.gov.au

School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus provides a one-off \$400 payment to help families cover the costs of their child's school uniforms, excursions and activities. Families will be able to access the School Saving Bonus via an online system from November 2024 and are able to use the funds towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- Excursions and Incursions
- Swimming and Sporting Programs
- Graduations
- School Uniform

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of each Victorian Government School student from Prep-Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home-schooled students, and TAFE students. There is no application required, the Department of Education will contact families directly with access to the online portal.

Unfortunately, the School Saving Bonus **cannot** be used towards 2025 Curriculum Contributions.

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$138.00
Other Contributions	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i> \$12.00
	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i> Suggested
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA
Total	\$150.00

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 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
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.