

TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS PAYMENTS POLICY FOUNDATION



'Every Child by Name and Need'

Dear Parent/Carer

Toolangi Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Toolangi Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure 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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide an excellent range of facilities and resources for your children.

Within our school this support has allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Guided Inquiry, Environmental Studies/Science, Visual and Performing Arts, and PE.
- Maintain and develop the school grounds.
- Ensure the upkeep of our shared digital devices to enhance learning opportunities.
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills.
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions.
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment.
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies.
- Offer effective First Aid for all students.

Financial Support for Families

Toolangi Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements or payment plan contact the school.

Payment due by 25th February 2022

- **Direct Deposit:** Toolangi Primary School BSB 063 689, Account Number 10027654 (Preferred option)
- **Cash**

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

Yours sincerely,

Sally Herbert
Principal

Rachael Dunkley
Acting School Council President

Essential Student Learning Items

A list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum is available upon request. You may choose to purchase these items through the school at a heavily discounted cost, or provide your own. Please indicate which items you will be providing yourself if not purchasing through school.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Grade Prep Stationery and Book Pack See attached List	\$119.74
Classroom Materials for all students: Art Supplies Including Acrylic Paint, Poster Paint, Paper, Card, Clay, PVC Glue, Glitter and variety of craft materials	\$ 77.92
Information Technology Subscriptions for Reading Eggs, and Soundwaves	\$ 37.34
TOTAL	\$235.00

Optional Items

Toolangi Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camps, swimming lessons and excursions/incursions as scheduled throughout 2022. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised

Voluntary Contributions

Toolangi primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2022 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
Grounds and Maintenance	No	\$60	
TOTAL			\$60.00

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount: \$235.00
Optional Items	Amount: \$ TBA
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount: \$ 60.00
TOTAL	\$295.00

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 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.