



Dear parent/guardian,

Thomastown Meadows Primary School continues to place the educational needs and opportunities for our students at the forefront of all its planning and decision making.

In 2025 the dynamic and educational programs offered at TMPS will ensure that our students are enjoying every opportunity to participate in stimulating and rewarding programs that will build their capacity to engage in the wider community as well as develop a love of learning.

With these goals in mind, Thomastown Meadows Primary School would like to introduce the 2025 voluntary financial contributions that support the funding of many of these programs.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and even though 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. You do make a difference.

2025 will see the last year of the current leased 1-1 iPad program. This program supports students and teachers to access the Victorian Curriculum and provide the best learning opportunities for our students. The **Digital Technologies Curriculum** provides a framework for students to learn how to use the device in order to create innovative solutions that meet current and future needs as well as identifying that the iPad is an integral tool to support student learning. The future of this program will be evaluated in 2025, with parents, staff and students invited to participate in this process.

Students are encouraged to make decisions about the development and use of technologies, consider the impacts of technological change and how technologies may contribute to a sustainable future. The curriculum provides practical opportunities for students to be users, designers and producers of new technologies. Without access to this technology our students would not be able to achieve this learning.

As a school we remain committed to re-developing the grounds, to continue to create new and engaging areas for students to play, learn, create, and build their skills. The money raised through your financial contributions plays a significant part in the school's ability to continue this work. This includes having a part-time maintenance person onsite who has been keeping our grounds well cared for and maintained.

Funding has been allocated in 2025 to the upkeep of our buildings, including freshly painting classrooms, freshening the façade of the administration building and updating the front of our school. We would also like to start the work around replacing the oval surface, updating the turf area and increasing the seating available around our school.

Please find below Thomastown Meadows Primary Schools financial contributions schedule for 2025, which includes an overview of what your contribution will go towards.

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

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Rosa
Principal

Mai El Salloum
School Council President



Year 4/5 Contributions 2025

ITEMS	Annual Amount per STUDENT
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<p>Curriculum Contributions</p> <p>Classroom consumables, materials and equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mathematics ● English ● STEAM ● Art ● P.E. ● Auslan ● Music ● Diaries – Customised student school diary <p>ICT Devices – provision of 1-1 devices – iPads. The iPad is used as a tool to enhance learning daily, the screen time is in accordance with preferred guidelines. Including maintenance, monitoring and technical support as required.</p> <p>Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <p>Whole School Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sporting Carnival F-6 	\$200.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4/5 Interschool Sports Program ● Water Safety / Swimming Program (program costs pending) <p>(Please note: Final pricing pending, based on bus quotes, number of students attending and associated costs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● These are school subsidised program 	\$100.00 (approx. base Cost, to be confirmed in 2025)
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$300.00

ITEMS	Annual Amount Per FAMILY
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
School grounds maintenance and improvements to assist in the upkeep of school facilities and grounds, ensuring our students have well maintained grounds for safe play and sporting events.	\$100.00
Total Other Contributions	\$100.00



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Thomastown Meadows Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and go above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Activity Items: To be advised prior to the event, along with cost, payment method and due date.

ITEMS Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Other Optional Activities: Year 4/5 camp and excursions to be scheduled For Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Camp● Cross Country, T20 Cricket, Futsal, Basketball, Athletics● End of year celebration activities - Funfields● Grade 6 Jackets and Tops – Following Year● Billy Cart Incursion● Immigration Museum● Preston Market	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA	

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.