

Parent Payments Policy

2025 Parent Payment Arrangements

16 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Tyrrell College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule 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, 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. Within our school your contributions in 2024 allowed us to:

- *Tidy up the school grounds through multipul working bees*
- *70" Promethean interactive screens, for both the Library and new Ag Building*
- *New Library Upgrades*
- *The running of the Body Safe Program for Foundation to Year 12 and parent session*
- *New outdoor furniture*

Please find below Tyrrell College's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2025. This includes an overview of what you will contribute towards.

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 voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of recommended contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,

Harry Symons
Acting Principal

SECONDARY Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Annual Amount (per Student)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom consumables, material & equipment Text Books/Study Notes/Calculators (please note these are hired though the library and a cost may accrue if not handed back at the end of the year) Tyrrell College student Diary Art – includes, but not limited to, paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay, wood, beading Science – chemicals, ingredients, and shared classroom materials Physical Education & Sport – sporting equipment Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Whole school events (athletics and swimming carnivals) 	\$240
ICT Devices – provision and upkeep of devices and ICT – device configuration, server/system costs for devices owned by the school.	\$30
Online subscriptions - these vary depending on year level and students individual timetable.	\$30
Total Amount (per Secondary Student)	\$ 300
PRIMARY Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom consumables, materials & equipment Tyrrell College Student Diary The Resilience Project work journal Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay, wood, beading etc. Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials Mathematics – books and numeracy resources English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers Physical Education & Sport – ribbons, materials, sporting equipment Library – books, subscriptions Connection Groups – shared classroom materials 	\$110
Online subscriptions - these vary depending on year level and students individual timetable.	\$30
ICT Devices – ICT Devices – provision and upkeep of devices and ICT, device configuration, and server/system costs for devices owned by the school.	\$ 30
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10
F to 6 school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nexus Arts Incursions Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country 	\$ 20
Total Amount (per Primary Student)	\$200
Other Contributions - Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Tyrrell College.	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining school grounds – eg mowing, maintaining gardens, etc. Student wellbeing programs First aid equipment School grounds maintenance and improvements Canteen/Breakfast Club Compass software for student and parent communication and timetabling Upgrading ICT equipment 	\$ 50
Total Amount	\$ 50

Educational Items for students to own

Prior to the end of the school year, students will be provided with a booklist, based on year level, with a listing of items that the school recommends for each individual student to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) Items and Activities

Tyrrell College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year and will include but are not limited to:

Extra-Curricular Items & Activities
<i>Optional Grade 6 Polos, Year 12 Jumpers</i>
<i>Optional State School Spectacular</i>
<i>Optional Year level school camps</i>
<i>Optional swimming program</i>
<i>Optional Interschool, regional and divisional sports programs</i>
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i>

Financial Support for Families

Tyrrell College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- *State Schools' Relief* - provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate
- *Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund* - provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the College on 03 5070 2106, or email tyrrell.co@education.vic.gov.au.

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Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Tyrrell College. Payment can be made electronically via Bank Transfer.

Tyrrell College Official Account

BSB: 033 662

Account: 92 0456

Please include an identifying reference with your payment eg: Name - Curriculum Contributions.

Alternatively, cash and cheque payments can be made directly at the General Office.

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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ITEM	Suggested Item Amount	Number of students in your family	Annual Amount per FAMILY
Secondary Curriculum Contributions	\$300		\$
Primary Curriculum Contributions	\$200		\$
Other Contributions	\$50		\$
TOTAL FAMILY CONTRIBUTION			\$

Student Name:	Year Level
Student 1:	
Student 2:	
Student 3:	
Student 4:	
Student 5:	

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY 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.