

2024 CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

October 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tulliallan Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our school's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 opportunities unique to our students. We thank our Tulliallan families for their continued support. Your contributions make a huge difference to what programs we can provide for our student's academic, social and emotional success.

Your contributions are essential to our school and the students' enhanced educational experience with specific programs we can offer. Examples of some of the extra programs we have been able to provide in 2023 to benefit our students are:

- Leasing of Digital Devices for shared student use - iPads and Laptops
- Resourcing Our five Specialist Programs (Physical Education, STEM, ART, Music-Performing Arts and Mandarin Language)
- Resourcing of lunchtime clubs including Choir and Band
- Online programs
- Onsite Wellbeing Counsellor
- High Achievers/ Masterminds Program
- Chess Program
- School Production
- Harmony Day
- First Aid Incursion

The attached contribution schedule itemises the costs which allow us to continue providing these and other great resources for our students.

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

In closing, School Council, the Staff, and I would like to thank you for your contribution, and we look forward to your support in 2024 and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

Kathy Sharp

PRINCIPAL
Tulliallan Primary School

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SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Tulliallan Primary School

2024 CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students own, use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Student Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Stationery Pack – includes students individual pens, pencils, glue sticks, exercise books, home reading log (Preps-2), student diary (3-6). Delivered to school. (\$85) Art - cardboard, paper, paints, glue, clay, glitter (\$10) STEM – construction materials, science equipment, cooking and environmental supplies (\$10) Mandarin – cultural supplies, cooking, craft materials (\$5) PE – sporting equipment and repairs – class and yard equipment (\$10) Music – musical instruments (\$5) 	\$125
Online subscriptions and educational apps utilised by different year levels For example: Mathseeds, Reading Eggs, Scriibi (writing), Epic School Plus (24/7 access), Seesaw, Essential Assessment, apps for iPads etc.	\$40
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$175

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Take Home Reading Books	\$15
Total Other Contributions	\$15

2024 Prep and New Students Only - to individually own for their Primary School Life	Amount
Reading satchel	\$13
Book tub	\$7
Total Curriculum Extras for 2024 New Students Only	\$20

TOTAL

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$175
Other Contributions	\$15
Total	\$190

Payment methods

- COMPASS (Payment Plan option available)
- EFTPOS (by phone or at the office)
- Centrepay (contact office for more information)

Financial Support for Families

Tulliallan Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Payment plans for extra-curricular items and activities
- Centrepay
- State Schools Relief (SSR)

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

Stephen Mouette
Business Manager
Ph: 03 8766 3100 | Email: tulliallan.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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 prior to 28th February 2024, 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. Refunds can be requested by emailing the school at tulliallan.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>



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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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.