

7th November 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Tawonga Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Tawonga Primary School's* Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2026.

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 this support has allowed us to *continue with the Making Day Program, access to Nessy and Essential Assessment, swimming, skiing, and a whole lot more.*

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

Yours sincerely,

Kim Franzke
PRINCIPAL

Andrew Macklan
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum. This amount is a contribution towards all the items below and is heavily subsidised by Tawonga Primary School. <i>Curriculum Contributions help subsidise the cost of the following items.</i>	AMOUNT per/YEAR
<i>Swimming (10-12 lessons) Term 1 and 4 pool entry and transport</i>	\$45
<i>Making Day – Semester 1 - supplies for cooking, Living Green, making, gardening, etc.</i>	\$30
<i>Making Day – Semester 2 - supplies for cooking, Living Green, making, gardening, etc.</i>	\$30
<i>Art MACC van and Library MARC van</i>	\$50
<i>Online Subscriptions – Including Nessy, Essential Assessment, Studyladder, etc.</i>	\$50
<i>Stationery - including pencils, workbooks, photocopying, glue sticks, planners, books, art supplies, etc.</i>	\$70
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Compass subscription, grounds (mowing, grounds upkeep etc.)</i>	\$50
Total Amount	\$325

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Tawonga Primary School 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.

The below list is what we anticipate for 2026. These will be charged out at the time of activity. Other activities may arise during the year which will also be billed as required.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Approximate Amount	
Interschool Sporting Events year 3-6 (athletics & swimming): approximately	\$8.00 each	
Year 5 and 6 Camp (Beach): approximately	\$550.00	
Skiing depending on choice of Downhill or XC program: approximately	\$280-\$550	
Year 3 and 4 Camp (Beechworth): approximately	\$350.00	
<i>Other Extra Curricular activities may arise during the year. These will be advised at the time.</i>	\$0-\$50 p/activity	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$

TOTALS

Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment Methods

Payment of contributions can be made through Compass, BPay, Direct Deposit into the school account, or cash.

Payment plans can be set up through Compass, BPay or direct deposit. Please speak to Yvette for more details.

Financial Support for Families

Tawonga 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 Fund

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

Yvette Hind at school on 03 57544 468 or email the school at tawonga.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 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.

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	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.