



THOMASTOWN EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PARENT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Dear Parent/Carer

2023 has been a challenging year for us all, however we were able to achieve some great outcomes for our students. The work is not done yet and we are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning.

This letter is to advise you of Thomastown East Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2024.

We are very proud of the education programs and learning opportunities and activities that are on offer at Thomastown East Primary School. We are focussed on providing your children with a comprehensive, fully resourced and up to date education in a clean and safe environment. We are also providing rewarding educational experiences in programs such as Camps, Sports, Excursion and Incursions, which also become great memories for your children to fondly look back on.

Thomastown East Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. School Council has recently completed its annual review of the Parent Payment Policy and Parent Payment Charges for 2024.

The approved voluntary contribution for 2024 is again only **\$80.00 per student**. The school subsidises equal amount to assist families to keep educational costs as low as possible. Our prices haven't been raised in a number of years and the school will continue to substantially subsidise the cost of education at Thomastown East Primary School.

We hope that everyone can pay this and enable us to run our school effectively and in a financially stable manner.

Invoices will be issued early in Term 1 2024.

Payment Methods

Payments can be made by direct debit to our school account, EFTPOS in the office (Visa and Mastercard accepted), or cash directly to the office. Details will be included on your invoice.

Regards
Jeremy Blaney

Principal

Voluntary Contribution –2024

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items for your child.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. Your fees cover only a portion of the cost and the school pays the remainder. By buying in bulk, so we can minimise the charge to parents.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Booklist Attached is a booklist which guides you on the everyday items that your child will use in the classroom.	\$50.00 (refer attached for details)
Classroom Consumables (poster paper, PVC glue, laminating pouches, take home readers, spelling lists, photocopying and printing etc)	\$15.00
Subscriptions (Essential Assessments) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mathsfeed- Literacy Planet- Prodigy- Manga High- Class dojo- Spell Right- Typo	\$68
Art Consumables (portfolios, paint, glitter, tape, glue, etc)	\$17.00
PE Consumables (exercise book, ribbons, etc)	\$5.00
Awards, Incentives, certificates	\$5.00
Essential Item Total	\$180.00
School Subsidy amount	\$80.00
Total Amount to be paid by parents	\$80.00 per student

Item code	Description	Qty
SB1064	Educ8 Circus Scrapbook 64 Page 100gsm	4
9780957874541	My Home Reading Journal KLUWELL Yellow Level	1
L12-116572-2B	Faber Castell Triangular 2B Pencils Junior Grip EACH	4
201736	Maxi-Stick 36G Glue Stick	6
21-010093	Faber-Castell Jumbo Twistable Crayons 12 Pack Assorted	2
L1301	Facial Tissues 2 Ply 100s	1
JP7065G	Scissors - School Right Handed 150mm Red	1
L4-360001	Edding 360 Whiteboard Marker Black Bullet EACH	6
DEP001	Display Book Blue A4 Refillable 20 Pocket	1
TRIJB12	Educ8 Triangular Jumbo Coloured Pencils Pk 12	1
LEB6549	Writer Premium Story Book 64pg 18mm solid ruled Top 1/2 plain - bottom 1/2 ruled	2
L140915	Educ8 Exercise Book 225 x 175mm 8mm 48 Page EACH	1
EPP102	PP Envelope A4 with Button Clear	2
L140921	Educ8 A4 24mm Dotted Thirds 48 Page Exercise Book 70 gsm each	1
135184	Brilliant Copy A4 80gsm White Ream 500	1

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.

Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items	Optional Items	Voluntary Contributions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.○ Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. <p>These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.○ Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.