Tallygaroopna Primary School No. 3067



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Dear parent/guardian,

Tallygaroopna Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Tallygaroopna Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing financial 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 you 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. The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by the school community over many years. This support has:

- enabled greater access to quality programs and special curriculum experiences like Production;
- permitted the school to build on a high quality and diverse range of books for students to develop their reading skills;
- provided hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes;
- delivered a range of sporting, science and musical equipment;
- facilitated the provision of some fully or partially subsidised incursions, excursions and camps;
- assisted with the maintenance and development of the school grounds;
- enabled the provision of social and celebratory functions like Graduation and the Christmas Concert.

Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make significant difference to the quality of our programs. Your financial support in 2025 allowed us to:

- arrange for superior individual student supplies and class bulk supplies including through the MACC and MARC Programs;
- ensure the upkeep of our digital devices to enhance learning opportunities;
- facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions;

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

Yours sincerely,

Yours sincerely, Principal

School Council

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
 Classroom consumables, materials & equipment Student stationery – display books, exercise books, grid books, pencils, markers, journal books, etc Art/construction/craft supplies/science consumables Cooking session supplies FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY HEADPHONES FOR THEIR CHILD PLUS A PENCIL CASE IF IN GRADE 2/3/4/5/6 (AND A USB FOR GRADE 5/6 STUDENTS) 	\$150
Online subscriptions • Essential Assessment	\$25
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$15
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Whole school events MACC Van MARC Van EGPSSA Athletic Sports	\$30
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$230

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements – choose your own amount	\$
Total Other Contributions	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Tallygaroopna Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by 13th February 2026. Payment will be due by the end of March 2026.

The cost of some extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
BUS TRAVELLER ONLY Fare paying bus travellers to pay fee as set out on the Bus Traveller's letter supplied to applicable families	As per letter
Optional school camp (Year 5/6 – Ballarat Camp) [See requesting parent payments for camps and excursions one-page overview for more information]	ТВА
Optional excursions to be scheduled	ТВА
Optional Tallygaroopna Primary School book bag (a bag of some sort must be provided to protect school books)	\$15
Optional Tallygaroopna Primary School report folder	\$15
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Financial Support for Families

Tallygaroopna 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 (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Second-hand uniforms if available

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

Karen Armstrong (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 5829 8264 | Email: karen.armstrong@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category		Totals
Curriculum Contributions		\$ 230
Other Contributions	(Non-tax deductible)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$
Total		\$

Student Name:	
Parent Signature:	
Date:	

Payment methods

Option A (full amount at the beginning of Term 1)

Option B (other payment arrangements) If selecting this, please make an appointment with the school to discuss your circumstances and the available options.

We would prefer parents to pay by electronic funds transfer to the school account (please be sure to list the family name and what the payment is for). Alternately, payment can be made by cash to the school office in a named envelope. Please ensure that the envelope is deposited in the locked collection box at the Office counter.

School Account Name: Tallygaroopna Primary School Council Official Account

BSB: 063 527 Account: 00907788

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 Payments 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 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:

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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.