

# Timboon P-12 School

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## Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear parents, guardians and carers,

Timboon P-12 School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Timboon P-12 School's voluntary financial contributions 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.

Parent contributions have allowed us to broaden the educational experience for our students. We have been able to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the upgrade of our grounds, play equipment, seating areas, tennis courts; faster WIFI and internet to name a few. Without your contributions, many of these things may not be possible.

### *Financial Support for Families*

Timboon P-12 School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- **The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – families who qualify with a health care card may access CSEF funding towards camps, swimming, sports and excursions. Applications for this will be required each year and parents will be advised when applications are accepted. For each Primary school student who qualifies, the school will receive \$150 and \$250 for Secondary students, which will be credited towards camps, swimming, sports and excursion.
- **State Schools Relief**– provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist), on the advice of the school. Schools are able to submit an application directly, whenever they believe there is a need to support a student whose family/carers are facing difficulty in providing the appropriate uniform, footwear or educational items required for attending school.
- Welfare and support agencies that have established partnership arrangements with schools to provide further assistance to students and their families.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services please contact:

*Nicola Stockings*  
Ph: 03 5598 3381  
| Email: [timboon.p12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:timboon.p12@education.vic.gov.au) (please attention it to Nicola)

### *Payment Methods Available*

Options include:

- BPay – this unique number appears on the family statements/invoices.
- Direct deposit – account details may be obtained from the school office.
- EFTPOS or Cash directly to the school office.
- CompassPay
- Payment plans are also welcome. We ask that you contact the school office to discuss the amount you would like to contribute, frequency and method of payment. This is to ensure parents have a payment plan in place that they are comfortable with and a plan that the school is aware of.

Students wishing to participate in extra curricula activities such as instrumental music, debutant ball, graduation functions etc. must meet the full cost of the activity and be up to date with all payments before the student participates, alternatively the student may be removed from the program.

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

Yours sincerely,

*MATT DODSON*  
Timboon P-12 School Principal

*REBECCA McAULIFFE*  
School Council President

## Curriculum Contributions – years 3 & 4

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Year 3 &amp; 4 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stationery via packs purchased and supplied by parents for 2025</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Additional items requested are listed below.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Art – paint, crayons, craft paper, glitter, scissors, glue stick (\$60)</i></li> <li>• <i>Science – perishable items (\$20)</i></li> <li>• <i>STEAM – glue, tape, craft paper, paints, perishable items (\$20)</i></li> <li>• <i>Mathematics – numeracy blocks (\$10)</i></li> <li>• <i>English – book boxes, Writing Time books, (\$22)</i></li> <li>• <i>LOTE – international resources (\$15)</i></li> <li>• <i>Sports – equipment (\$5)</i></li> <li>• <i>Student Diary (\$15)</i></li> </ul>	<b>\$167</b>
<p><i>Year 3 &amp; 4 Online Subscription</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essential Assessment</i></li> </ul>	<b>\$18</b>
<i>Year 3 &amp; 4 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	<b>\$10</b>
<i>Year 3 &amp; 4 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	<b>\$20</b>
<p><i>Year 3 &amp; 4 Whole school events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Athletics carnival - (\$5)</i></li> <li>• <i>Swimming carnival – (\$5)</i></li> <li>• <i>Cultural performances (\$20)</i></li> </ul>	<b>\$30</b>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p>Timboon P-12 School offers a range of non- curriculum items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.</p>	
<i>School Sports Victoria membership</i>	<b>\$5</b>
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	<b>\$10</b>
<i>First aid equipment</i>	<b>\$5</b>
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	<b>\$5</b>
Tax deductible contributions –	
<p>Timboon P-12 School continues to welcome your tax deductible contributions to support our school. Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a tax deductible contribution. All records of tax deductible contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to contribute or not.</p>	
<b>Building fund.</b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Library fund.</b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>	<b>\$</b>

### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

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 **16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

<b>Extra-Curricular items and Activities –</b> Timboon P-12 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.	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Baringa Magazine/yearbook</i>	\$35.00
<i>Other optional year 3/4 camp &amp; excursions to be scheduled *</i>	<i>\$TBA on Compass</i>

**\*Please Note:** We anticipate there will be some low-cost camp & excursions planned during the year. Details of the excursions and the costs involved will be available on Compass when they arise.

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***Student Name:*** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent Payment Contributions Total for Years 3 & 4**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Curriculum Contributions	\$245.00
Other Contributions	\$
Tax Deductable Contribution	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
<b>TOTAL Amount Payable:</b>	<b>\$</b>

# 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.