



Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian 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 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 organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of visual art, performing arts, STEM and physical education equipment and resources. This supports these programs to be exemplary, coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths. Your contributions also support other programs including whole school swimming programs and events such as celebration days, concert incursions and a variety of welfare programs. All of these programs, running alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs, are imperative to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

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

Please complete page 3 and return to the office at the start of the school year.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Hommelhoff (Principal)

Deb Flett (School Council President)

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, text books, stationary, maths kits • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers, home reading diaries. • Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers • Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading • PE – equipment, ribbons, materials • Performing Arts – instruments, books, pens, markers and folders • STEM - resources • Library – books, subscriptions 	\$130
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Essential Assessment – Literacy & Numeracy</i> • <i>PAT – Literacy & Numeracy</i> 	\$10
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10
<i>Swimming and water safety program</i>	\$40
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$200

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sport affiliations</i>	\$5
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$10
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$5
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$10
Total Other Contributions	\$30

Major Excursions and Camps

Echuca Twin Rivers 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. Payments for these activities will be advised throughout the year.



Financial Support for Families

EchUCA Twin Rivers 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) to eligible Health Care Card holders.
- CentrePay
- Individual payment plans
- State Schools Relief

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

Julie Hommelhoff (Principal)

Ph: 03 5410 7700 | Email: echuca.twin.rivers.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Please complete your details and place an amount next to the \$ sign	
Student's name:	Year Level:

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods

- Cash
- EFTPOS
- BPay: Individual BPay details can be emailed out if requested
- Direct deposit to the school's bank account.
 - BSB: 063-511 (Commonwealth Bank) Account Number: 10440431

I authorise \$_____ to be charged to my Visa / MasterCard.

Details as follows:

NAME (as on card)																			
CARD NO:																			
SIGNATURE																			
CCV		VISA		MASTERCARD		EXPIRY DATE	___Month___Year												

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.

OFFICE USE ONLY	GL RECEIPT CODE: 9499 – 74408	AMOUNT \$_____ GL RCPT:
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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

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.