



Dear TC Families

Templestowe College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2023, which align with the Department of Education's (DET) Parent Payments Policy to ensure transparency and improve equality across schools.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Templestowe College does offer a standard curriculum course that can be viewed on our website (<https://tc.vic.edu.au/whole-school-curriculum>); however, by choosing to enroll at TC, we believe that you want more than just the standard Victorian curriculum. As a nationally recognised leader in progressive education, it is the ongoing financial support of families that enables us to offer highly individualised programs, which benefit our student's educational outcomes through a unique structure and a wide variety of subjects.

We want to thank you for your support as it has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. For example, through the contributions of families in 2022 we have been able to provide:

- A more diverse and higher quality of materials for students learning
- many new animals such as birds, reptiles, and the beehives
- employment of in class tutors across various curriculum faculties
- student access to VET programs
- improved building facilities including new ovens in food technology, renovated office and learning spaces in the HUB, plus some other projects taking place over the end of year holidays
- additional IT support available on all days of the week
- increased choice of subjects for students

We hope that you will continue to support Templestowe College by choosing to contribute to the suggested "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions". In 2023 we are planning on using money collected through the Building Fund to create a student library and a new student kitchen in S Wing.

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

Kind regards

**Peter Ellis**  
Principal

**Claire O'Sullivan**  
College Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount														
<b>Student Learning Items (per student) in addition to the standard curriculum materials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course readers/academic texts/class sets</li> <li>Basic materials and curriculum consumables</li> <li>Incursions relating to health &amp; wellbeing, study habits/skills, cultural sensitivity</li> <li>Printing credit</li> </ul> <p>Suggested contributions based on the subjects undertaken by each student will be collected by our resource provider, Campion Education. Please refer to the “2023 Resource List” for more information.</p>	<b>\$250.00</b>  Ranging from <b>\$5.00-\$105.00</b>														
<b>VET (Vocational Education &amp; Training) –</b> Contribution to support the provision of VET	<b>\$250.00</b>														
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<b>Animals Program voluntary contribution for those not necessarily in the program (per family)</b> – Running costs, upkeep, veterinary expenses, new acquisitions, and improvements	<b>\$100.00</b>														
Tax Deductible Contributions															
<b>Building fund (per family)</b> – A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. A tax receipt will be provided at the end of the financial year.	<b>\$100.00</b>														

### Educational items for students to own

Please refer to the “2023 Resource List” for a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion Education for your child to individually own and use.

Templestowe College has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program which is designed to provide students with choice and flexibility to support their learning. Please refer to our website ([www.tc.vic.edu.au/byod-program-information](http://www.tc.vic.edu.au/byod-program-information)) for more information and recommended specifications.



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

Templestowe College 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. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<b>Camps, Excursions, &amp; Incursions</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Edrolo Subscription (for each recommended VCE subject)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Materials</b> – specialty materials beyond that which is supplied as part of the standard curriculum for student projects in Art and Technology	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Printing Credit</b> – students are provided \$20 printing credit at the beginning of each year. Additional printing credit may be purchased as needed.	<b>As required</b>
<b>Student-Led Electives (per Annum)</b>	
Animal Industry Skills – practical experience	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Student-Led Electives (per Semester)</b>	
Backyard Permaculture – practical experience	<b>\$110.00</b>
Dance – instruction from The Edge Performers School	<b>\$100.00</b>
Feathers & Fur – practical experience	<b>\$110.00</b>
Fish – practical experience	<b>\$110.00</b>
Personal Fitness – personal training from Cornerstone Fitness	<b>\$155.00</b>
Reptiles – practical experience	<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>Instrumental Music (per annum)</b>	
Group Music Lessons (per instrument)	<b>\$500.00</b>
VCE Music Performance Units 3&4 (one instrument only)	<b>\$610.00</b>
Instrument Hire (if applicable)	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>MAP (Montessori Adolescent Program) – 3 Year Program (per annum)</b>	
Years 1, 2 & 3 – Access to specialist MAP classes and tuition, learning equipment, camps, and excursions	<b>\$2,375.00</b>
<b>ESDP (Elite Sports Development Program) – Basketball (per annum)</b>	
Junior (6 sessions per week)	<b>\$2,525.00</b>
Senior (5 sessions per week)	<b>\$2,125.00</b>



## Financial Support for Families

Templestowe College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

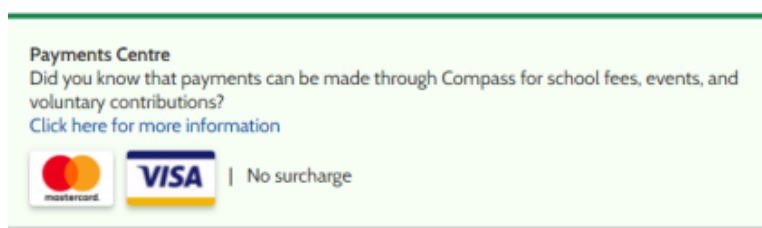
- *the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund*
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Leah Harvey Ph: 03 9850 633 (option #3) | Email: [accounts@tc.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@tc.vic.edu.au)

## Payment Methods

Our preferred payment method is:

Compass – Compass Billing module allows you to pay online by credit card. Payment may be made in full or by nominating / requesting a payment plan option. Please look out for your Payments Centre area on your Compass page on the right-hand side (see screen shot below). When you [Click here for more information](#) you will find all financial contributions listed.



Instructions can be found on our website ([tc.vic.edu.au/payments](http://tc.vic.edu.au/payments)). *If you are having trouble logging in to Compass, please contact the General Office on 03 9850 6333 (option #6).*

Alternative payment methods:

BPAY – Each family has their own BPAY reference number which is recorded on family statements. These details can be obtained by contacting Accounts on 03 9850 633 (option #3).

Direct Deposit – If paying by Direct Deposit, please ensure that the Family ID or Student ID is recorded in the reference.

BSB: 063 093  
Account Number: 10001127  
Account Name: Templestowe College Council Official Operating Account

Credit Card/EFTPOS – Payments can be made in person at the General Office or by phoning Accounts on 03 9850 6333 (option #3)

Cash/Cheque – Payment can be made in person at the General Office.

## 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 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

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.