



## 2024 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

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 2024.

State 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 students' 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 2023 we have been able to provide:

- A more diverse and higher quality of materials for student learning
- many new birds, reptiles, and mammals for the student-led animal programs
- employment of in-class tutors across various curriculum faculties
- greater student access to VET programs
- improved building facilities including a student library, renovations to repair school rooves, and a sensory, wheelchair-accessible community bird aviary.
- additional IT support available on all days of the week
- increased choice of subjects for students

Please find attached Templestowe College's voluntary financial contribution schedule for 2024, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please see a one-page overview attached.

Thank you for your ongoing support of TC.

Kind Regards,

**Peter Ellis**  
Principal

**Claire O'Sullivan**  
College Council President





### 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>	TBA
<b>Edrolo Subscription (for each recommended VCE subject)</b>	TBA
<b>Materials</b> – specialty materials beyond that which is supplied as part of the standard curriculum for student projects in Art and Technology	TBA
<b>Printing Credit</b> – students are provided \$20 printing credit at the beginning of each year. Additional printing credit may be purchased as needed.	As required
<b>Student-Led Electives (per Annum)</b>	
Animal Industry Skills – practical experience	\$75.00
<b>Student-Led Electives (per Semester)</b>	
Backyard Permaculture – practical experience	\$115.00
Dance – instruction from The Edge Performers School	\$105.00
Feathers & Fur – practical experience	\$115.00
Fish – practical experience	\$115.00
Personal Fitness – personal training from Cornerstone Fitness	\$160.00
Reptiles – practical experience	\$115.00
Robotics – specialised equipment and experience for competition	\$115.00
<b>Instrumental Music (per annum)</b>	
Group Music Lessons (per instrument)	\$505.00
VCE Music Performance Units 3&4 (one instrument only)	\$615.00
Instrument Hire (if applicable)	\$150.00
<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	\$2,400.00
<b>ESDP (Elite Sports Development Program) – Basketball (per annum)</b>	
Junior (6 sessions per week)	\$2,550.00
Senior (5 sessions per week)	\$2,145.00



## Financial Support for Families

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

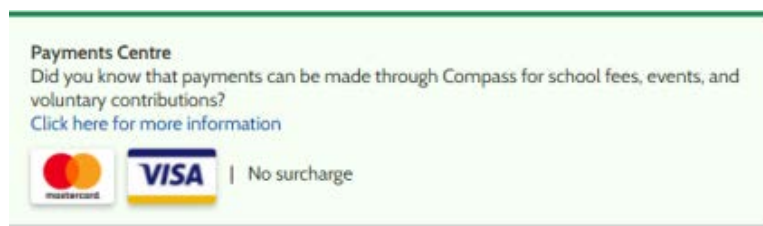
- *Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF)*
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

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