



Wednesday 4th September 2024

Year 1 2025: PARENT PAYMENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thomastown West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Thomastown West Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025. Based on parent feedback, notices are being distributed earlier this year.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; faster WIFI and internet and the recent upgrade of our indoor learning spaces and outdoor areas.

Educational items for students to own are no longer purchased from TWPS. A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from a *third-party provider*, such as Officeworks or MAXIM for your child to individually own and use is provided on page 7. Information about the Maxim Online Portal is included on page 5 and 6. Please note, since 2023 MAXIM will only sell the complete educational items pack, as a whole pack. Or you may choose to bring the recommended educational items from home and/or choose to purchase the educational items you require from another store.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview on page 4.

We genuinely value your contributions in supporting our school's programs and resources.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Johanson

School Council President

Sandi Young

Principal

Suzi Ilic

Business Manager

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2025 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS to be made at the TWPS Office

Curriculum Contributions: Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	
Year 1 Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <i>(Including printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials)</i>	\$30.00	
<u>Specialist materials & equipment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art (paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper) \$27.00 • Music (cardboard, pencil, pen) \$2.00 • Science (Prep -2) STEM (Years 3-6) – consumables for experiments \$6.00 	\$35.00	
Year 1 Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths Seeds (Years 1/2) \$17.50 • Reading Eggs* (Usually \$12.50) \$ 9.00 • Typing Tournament* (Usually \$12.50) \$ 8.50 <p><i>*Thomastown West Primary School will continue to subsidise the cost of Reading Eggs and Typing Tournament to reduce the cost for Parents and Carers, so that students can access all 3 online programs.</i></p>	\$35.00	
<u>Swimming</u> A contribution towards 2 weeks of pool entry (estimated to be \$20.00 based on 2024 costs). <i>There is no contribution request for the <u>teaching and curriculum</u> element of the Learn to Swim / Water Safety Program.</i>	TBC*	
Other Contributions: For non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	
Tax deductible contributions		
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure, buildings and grounds. TWPS suggestion \$50.00	\$	
Total Amount	\$	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		
Thomastown West 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. <u>These are provided on a user-pays basis.</u>		
Items or Activities	Amount	Participate/Purchase (Please ✓)
Blue Reader/Communication bag (optional – if lost in 2024)	\$15.00	
<i>Optional Year 1 DINNER at TWPS (November 2025)</i>	TBC*	
<i>Additional items and activities to be confirmed in 2025</i>	TBC*	
Total:	Student Name: 	
Curriculum Contributions	\$	
Other Contributions	\$	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$	
GRAND TOTAL		\$

TBC* (To be confirmed): Parents will be notified of further details once arrangements and costs have been finalised.

Financial Support for Families

Thomastown West Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Flexible Payment Arrangement
- Smith Family Scholarships
- State Schools Relief vouchers

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, phone 03 9465 4317 to make an appointment with:

Sandi Young, Principal

and/or

Suzi Ilic, Business Manager

sandi.young@education.vic.gov.au

suzi.ilic@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Payments can be made by direct debit to our school account, EFTPOS in the office (Visa and Mastercard accepted), or cash directly to the office.

To enable us to have classroom supplies ready to start the school year, you may choose to make your School Contribution this year:

- ✓ Monday – Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm during Term 4 (October, November, December 2024)

Or School Curriculum contributions can be made by parents and carers during the first weeks of Term 1, 2025:

- ✓ Tuesday 28th January (Curriculum Day) 8:30am - 4:00pm
- ✓ Wednesday 29th January – Friday 31st January 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- ✓ Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Educational items for the students to own (Page 7): Parents and carers may choose to purchase their child's educational items elsewhere **or, to ensure your MAXIM orders are delivered ready for the first week of school,** orders are **placed via the online portal this year**. Choose the time below that suits you best:

- ✓ **Before 8th November 2024:** Each 'EARLY BIRD' family who submits their online MAXIM order before 8/11/24 will receive a raffle ticket for each child enrolled at TWPS, for the chance to **win UNIFORM SHOP VOUCHERS**.
- ✓ **Before 22nd November 2024:** Each family who submits their online MAXIM order before 22/11/23 each child enrolled at TWPS will receive a raffle ticket from TWPS for a chance to **win a FREE LUNCH!**
- ✓ **Before 15th December 2024:** The 15th December is the last day to order to guarantee student's pack is delivered to the school **before Term 1 begins**.
- ✓ **Orders will be accepted over the December/January holidays HOWEVER, orders after 15/12/24, MAXIM will charge a LATE FEE of \$15.00** and items will be delivered during the first 2 weeks of Term 1 instead.
- ✓ **LAST CHANCE to order is the last day Term 1 Week 1 in 2025. Orders will not be accepted after 31st January 2025.**

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

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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 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.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for supporting Thomastown West PS with the online portal. We have partnered with Maxim Office Group to ensure a seamless school start for 2025. Packs will be delivered to the school for collection.

If you have any questions, please call Maxim on 1800 25 35 35 and press OPTION 1.

IMPORTANT:

To ensure delivery is on time, ready for the first week at school orders must be placed this year:

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ONLINE ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please follow this link: <http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au>

The screenshot shows a web form with two input fields: "Enter your school code" with a "Go" button, and "Select a year level" with a dropdown arrow. Below these fields is a message box from Thomastown West Primary School. The message reads: "Many thanks for supporting Thomastown West Primary School, with the online portal. We have partnered with Maxim Office Group to ensure a seamless school start for 2022. Packs will be delivered direct to the school for collection on the first day back. If you have any questions, please call the school office on 03 9465 4317." Arrows point from the message box to the input fields.

2. Your access code is: **TWPS2025**
 *Please note this is capital sensitive. *Please enter code as displayed in screen.*

3. Select the year level required for order



- Please ensure that the students' name, your name and contact details are given and correct
- Select 'Place order'

Your Details

*Student's First Name: *Student's Last Name: *Phone:

*Parent's First Name: *Parent's Last Name: *Email address:

*Confirm Email address:

* Denotes a required field

[Place order](#)

- If purchasing more than one booklist, please select 'Add another booklist' and follow the same procedure from step 3
- Select 'Proceed to payment options'
- Your total payment amount required will display on screen
- Select 'Pay Now'
- Please choose your check-out option – Credit/ Direct Debit available. Ensure payment details are correctly entered
- You will receive a payment receipt and an order confirmation to the email address you provide.
- Your child's pack/s will be delivered to Thomastown West Primary School **ready for learning**.



A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from a *third party provider* such as **MAXIM (Details on the previous pages) or another store eg. **Office Works**.**

Student name: _____

Year: 1, 2025

Year 1: Educational Items for Students to own

Stock Code	Description	Qty	Price	Total	✓
SB1064	Educ8 Scrapbook 64 Page 335 x 245mm 100gsm	2	\$1.27	\$2.54	
L116 12-2B	Noris Maxi Learner Graphite Pencil 2B EACH	5	\$0.73	\$3.65	
JP706SG	Scissors - School Right Handed 150mm Red	1	\$1.17	\$1.17	
30840734	Glue Stick Bostik 35 gram 30800454	4	\$2.01	\$8.04	
RWE30	Ruler 30cm Wooden Educ8 Essential Each	1	\$0.50	\$0.50	
L140847	Educ8 24mm Writing Book 335 x 245mm Dotted 3rds 64 Page	3	\$1.28	\$3.84	
ETC001	Educ8 Twist Crayons Pack 12	1	\$3.85	\$3.85	
LAC-200-32	Facial Tissues 2 ply 200s Loose	1	\$1.68	\$1.68	
MPPA4	Pencil Case Plastic A4	1	\$2.40	\$2.40	
DEP003	Display Book Red A4 Refillable 20 Pocket	1	\$1.44	\$1.44	
L4364BK	MonAmi Whiteboard Marker Black EACH	4	\$1.00	\$4.00	
8534755	Sharpener Pencil Maped Shaker Double Hole	1	\$1.03	\$1.03	
MCP4028	MaxiCopy White Paper A4 80gsm Ream 500	1	\$5.85	\$5.85	
L526B20	Eraser Staedtler Rasoplast Large	1	\$1.65	\$1.65	
PSM001	Educ8 Safety Markers Pack 12	1	\$2.65	\$2.65	
126 12NC10	Noris Maxi Learner Coloured Pencils Box 10 ass	1	\$7.10	\$7.10	
41645	Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1	\$13.85	\$13.85	
80050E	Magazine Magazine Box Enviro	1	\$2.40	\$2.40	
CBR	Calico Bags Red	1	\$1.00	\$1.00	
			SubTotal:	\$68.62	
			G.S.T:	\$6.86	
			Total:	\$75.50	

If you choose to bring items from home or items from another store, please ✓ the item in the list above then bring this list and your items in a bag (labelled with your child's name) to school on the first day of the 2025 school year: **Wednesday 29th January 2025.**

Thank you.