

# Talbot Primary School – No. 0954

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Dear Families,

Talbot Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is 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 offer special curriculum experiences.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kelly  
Principal

Dr. Fallon Cook  
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Swimming and water safety program	\$NIL

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
	\$0

### Educational items for students to own

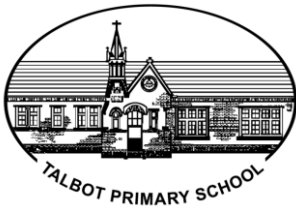
A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Education Plus for your child to individually own and use will be sent home soon. These packs will be delivered to the school over the holidays if paid by the due date (costs are between \$35 -\$55 depending on the year level).

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

Talbot Primary School 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.

Below is an **estimate** of costings. Exact amounts of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year. Please Note ~ Talbot Primary pays a membership fee per student to the Goldfields Small Schools Cluster to support cluster activities throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Year Level	Amount
Cluster Transition Activity Day	5/6	NIL
Cluster Cross Country	3-6	NIL
GRIP Leadership Day	5/6	\$15
Lightning Premiership	3-6	\$15
NAIDOC Day Celebrations	Whole School	NIL
Cluster Athletics	3-6	NIL
Noel Pollerd	5/6	\$10
Cluster Performing Arts Day	Whole School	\$15
34 Camp	3/4	\$350-400
Tabloid Sports	F-2	NIL
56 Camp	5/6	\$350-400
Energy Breakthrough Team	4/5/6	NIL – Grant/Sponsors
Cluster Swimming Transition	5/6	NIL
Energy Breakthrough Visit	F-3	NIL – Grant/Sponsors
End of Year Celebration	Whole School	\$40



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### **Financial Support for Families**

Talbot 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)
- 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:

Kylie Rae

Ph: 03 5463 2373

Email: [kylie.rae@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kylie.rae@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Payment methods**

Parents can pay in cash or card in person at the school office. Payments can also be made by direct debit to ~

Account Name: Talbot PS School Council Official Account

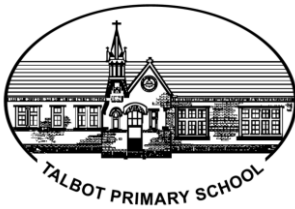
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### **Refunds**

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 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).



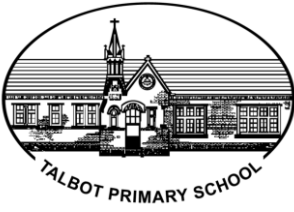
#### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- 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.



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