

November 2023



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Terang College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Terang College's voluntary financial contributions which has been set at \$350 for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction that aligns to the Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures our college can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our college and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the maintenance and upgrade of our grounds, faster WIFI and internet are some examples of this. Without your contributions, many of these things are not possible.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kath Tanner", is positioned above the printed name.

**KATH TANNER**  
Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tammi Logan", is positioned above the printed name.

**TAMMI LOGAN**  
College Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i>	
<b>Whole School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College magazine (\$15)</li> <li>• usage of Terang Stadium and Recreation Reserve (\$25)</li> <li>• College grounds - maintenance and improvements (\$25)</li> <li>• Library books to borrow (\$15)</li> <li>• Shared class resources, musical equipment, sporting equipment (\$50)</li> <li>• Communication Programs, Compass, Website, Microsoft Teams (\$30)</li> <li>• Sporting Affiliations - includes SSV, HSSSD, CDSA (\$10)</li> <li>• First-Aid equipment (\$5)</li> </ul>	\$175
<b>Foundation to Year 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exercise books, scrap books, pens, pencils, crayons, pencil case, glue sticks, highlighters, whiteboard markers, scissors, ruler, rubbers, sharpener.</li> <li>• art class materials</li> <li>• reading resources</li> </ul>	\$80
<b>Years 5 to 12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• home economics cooking consumables.</li> <li>• woodwork &amp; metalwork class materials.</li> <li>• textiles class materials.</li> <li>• art class materials.</li> </ul>	
Digital Technology – on site technician, devices/apps from the shared classroom sets	\$50
Printing and photocopying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• worksheets and learning materials - \$30</li> <li>• student individual copying allocation - \$15</li> </ul>	\$45
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Terang College offers a range of camps and excursions that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the College provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>TBA</b>



## Financial Support for Families

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

- **The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** - families who qualify with a health care card may access CSEF funding towards camps, swimming, sports and excursions. Applications for this will be required each year and parents will be advised when applications are accepted. For each Primary school student who qualifies, the school will receive \$125 and \$225 for Secondary students, which will be credited towards camps, swimming, sports and excursion.
- **State Schools Relief** – provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist), on the advice of the school. Schools are able to submit an application directly, whenever they believe there is a need to support a student whose family/carers are facing difficulty in providing the appropriate uniform, footwear or educational items required for attending school.
- Flexible payment arrangements.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please call the business manager on 035592 1349. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

### Total

Curriculum Contributions	\$350
Other Contributions	N/A
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

## Payment methods

BPAY – Biller Code 87361      Reference number from family statement

EFT – NAME: Terang College   BSB: 083-884   Account No: 66-333-6517

(Please use student's name or family name as reference)

CASH/CHEQUE – Payable to Terang College

OTHER PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT – Please contact the College office 5592 1349.

## Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the College and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the College 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.

*Approved by College Council on 20/11/2023*

# 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 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.