19 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tallangatta Secondary College is looking forward to another successful 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 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. The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2025 allowed us to:

- Provide high-quality programs supported by adequate subject materials and equipment across all Key Learning Areas, including new electric ovens and sewing machines.
- Maintain and upkeep of school grounds.
- Ensure the upkeep and continual improvement of our Information and Communication Technology programs and infrastructure to enhance learning opportunities including a new 3D printer.
- Update class sets and individual novels to strengthen student engagement and skills in reading.
- Deliver a broad range of sporting activities and equipment, including access to community facilities.
- Maintain and service musical instruments to support high-quality music education.
- Upkeep of facilities, including new furniture and bookshelves in the library.

Please find below Tallangatta Secondary College's contributions schedule for 2026, which includes an overview of what these will contribute towards.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the contributions schedule below. We would appreciate your contributions by 27th February 2026.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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| **CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS**<br>Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum: | Annual Amount (per student) |
|---|---|
| • Classroom consumables, materials & equipment<br>• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials<br>• Whole school events (athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals)<br>• ICT Devices – provision and upkeep of devices, software and system support<br>• Student Diary & ID Card<br>• Sports Equipment & Maintenance<br>• Program offerings | $295 |

| **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**<br>Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Tallangatta Secondary College: | Annual Amount (per student) |
|---|---|
| **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**<br>• Compass Online Platform $10<br>• Locker Maintenance $5<br>• Enhance Wellbeing Support – Wellbeing Dog (Murphy) $5<br>• Use and Upkeep of Media/Herald Facility $5<br>• School Sports Victoria Membership $10 | $35 |

| **TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**<br>Tax Deductible Contributions made towards Tallangatta Secondary College | **Annual Amount (per family)** |
|---|---|
| • Building Fund (to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure)<br>• Library Fund (to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource) | $ |

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

Tallangatta Secondary College 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 to deliver the Curriculum.

| EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES | Amount (per student) |
|---|---|
| Annual Bolga Magazine (Annual Yearbook) | $15 |
| Combination Lock for Locker | $17 |
| Music Tuition | $60 (per term) |
| Year 7 Camp | $TBA |
| Year 8 Camp | $TBA |
| Year 9 Future Makers Residential Program | No Cost |
| Northern Territory Tour (Bi Annual Camp) | $TBA |
| Year 11 Future Focus | $TBA |
| Year 12 Retreat | $TBA |
| Entry to Academic Competitions | $TBA |

**Educational items for students to own**

Please find attached a list of items that the school recommends for each individual student to own and use.

- Booklists can be purchased from Yorke Books – Refer to year level Compass news feed
- Stationery items can be purchase from Officeworks – Refer to year level Compass news feed
- Digital Devices can be purchased from Educom IT TSC Landing - EduComIT
- Digital Subscriptions and Textbooks from Edrolo https://www.edrolo.com.au/
- CAS Calculators can be purchased from Abacus Calculators https://www.abacuscalculators.com.au/

**Financial Support for Families**

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

- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Jamie Baude, Business Manager on 02 6071 5000, or email jamie.baude@education.vic.gov.au

**Total**

| CATEGORY | Item Amount (per student) | Number of students in your family | Annual Amount (per family) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Curriculum Contributions | $ | | $ |
| Other Contributions | $ | | $ |
| Tax Deductible Contributions | $ | | $ |
| **TOTAL FAMILY CONTRIBUTION** | | | **$** |

**Payment methods**

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Tallangatta Secondary College. Payment can be made electronically via Compass.

Alternatively, cash and EFTPOS payments can be made directly at TSC Office or payment can be made over the phone using debit/credit card.

**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

# 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) 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 | Other Contributions | Extra-Curricular Items and Activities |
|---|---|---|
| Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. | Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives. | 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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