



## **(Foundation) - Curriculum Contributions for 2024**

Dear 2024, Foundation Families,

Torquay College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Torquay College's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide outstanding teaching and learning opportunities, as well as special curriculum experiences such as the Environmental Centre and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

Enclosed you will find all information regarding the 2024 Curriculum Contributions.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Simon O'Brien  
Acting Principal

Nick Kearsey  
School Council President





<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>(Foundation) Stationery Pack resources</i>	\$105
<i>(Foundation) Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Visual Art (F-6) (\$25)</i></li><li>• <i>Performing Art (F-6) (\$10)</i></li><li>• <i>Indonesian Consumables (F-6) (\$10)</i></li><li>• <i>Sports / Physical Education (F-4) (\$10)</i></li><li>• <i>STEM (\$10)</i></li><li>• <i>Satchel (F) (\$13)</i></li><li>• <i>Berry Street Diary (F-6) (\$10)</i></li></ul>	\$88
<i>(Foundation) Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mathletics (F-6)</i></li><li>• <i>Reading Eggs (F)</i></li><li>• <i>Reading A-Z (F-6)</i></li></ul>	\$42
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$235
<b>Other Contributions-for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Building fund.</b> <i>A( tax-deductible) contribution to support the development of our whole school nature play outdoor learning.</i>	\$50.00
<b>Enviro Centre Contributions.</b> <i>Food, general maintenance, and vet care.</i>	\$50.00
<b>ICT Contributions.</b> <i>School computers and infrastructure upgrades.</i>	\$25.00
<b>Library Contributions.</b> <i>A contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>	\$10.00
<b>First Aid Contributions.</b> <i>A contribution to maintain quality first aid materials to sustain the first aid room and classrooms.</i>	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>



### Educational items & Resources

The school has prepared a list of educational items and resources that your child requires for their learning. Torquay College will order these items in bulk for the whole school to ensure it will be ready at the beginning of the year and provide our families the best financial savings.

Bulk ordering for Torquay College is a more sustainable approach to our stationery needs. We endeavour to reuse / recycle more of these items in the future.

Kookaburra Glue Stick 35g PVP
STAEDTLER School Eraser Plastic Large
Post-it Notes 654-5PK 76 x 76mm Capetown Asst
Whiteboard Eraser Magnetic Small Asst
Quartet Lap Board Double sided A4
Bostik Blu-Tack 75g
Marbig Comfort Grip Scissors 135mm Summer Colours Asst
Celco Art Smock Blue Medium
Faber-Castell Fine pen 1511 Document 0.4mm Black
STAEDTLER Noris Club Wax Twister Crayons 6mm Diameter
STAEDTLER Natural Jumbo Triangular Graphite Pencils 2B
Faber-Castell Junior Grip Triangular Pencil HB
Faber-Castell Tri Colour Pencils
Faber-Castell Connector Pens Asst
Artline Supreme Highlighters Asst
Staedtler Lumocolor compact 1-2mm whiteboard marker
Writer Premium Story Book 330x 240mm Plain + 24mm Ruled 64pg
Writer Premium Story Book 330x 240mm Plain + 18mm Ruled 64pg
Best Buddies Mini Scrapbook 100gsm 165x245mm 64 pg
Olympic Scrapbook Aussie Animals 335 x 240mm 64 pg
Olympic Project Book Bugs 335x 240mm 24mm Dotted Thirds 64 pg
Connected Sound storm Headphones
Write & Wipe Plastic Sleeve A4



### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Torquay 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis (approx. \$80-\$100 per student not including Camp and Swimming). These items are subject to price change and activity change.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>School magazine/ yearbook</i>	\$18
<b>Foundation Excursions/IncurSION/Sport</b>	PAYG
TERM 1- Yoga with Fiona	
TERM 2- Melbourne Zoo	
TERM 3- 100 Days of Foundation	
TERM 4- Craft Power/ F-2 House athletics/Celebration Activity Day	
No swimming/No Camp	

### Financial Support for Families

Torquay College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options for health care card and concession card holders, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding <https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>
- State School Relief uniform package <https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/schools/>

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

*Carol Waters*

Ph: 03 5261 2360 | Email: [carol.waters@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:carol.waters@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$235
Other Contributions	\$145
Extra-Curricular Items – School Magazine (Activities are Pay As You Go)	\$18

### **Payment methods**

For the 2024 school year, Torquay College School Council has approved the Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions, Extra-Curricular items and any Building Fund Contributions to be collected through Compass.

Alternatively, Contributions can be made by contacting the school office ph. 5261 2360

### **Dates to Remember:**

*8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023:* Compass open for Stationery Orders and Contributions.

*4<sup>th</sup> December, 2023:* Recommended Contribution completion date

*11<sup>th</sup> December 2023:* Stationery orders are delivered to Torquay College

**Please note:** Contributions can be made at any time.

### **Refunds**

Parent/Carer 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.

### **Contributions towards other families**

If you are interested in supporting another family experiencing financial hardship and would like to make a donation, please contact the administration office. 5261 2360

### **Sustainable**

Torquay College acknowledges the impact on the environment from learning resources and has made changes to the stationery ordering and delivery process for a more sustainable / environmentally friendly approach.

# 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.