



Eastern Ranges School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Eastern Ranges School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to remind you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the Victorian Curriculum and Victorian Pathways Certificate 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.

Eastern Ranges School is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)* with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are not donations and are not tax deductible.

Within our school this support has allowed us to purchase:

- Additional furniture across the school in anticipation of our big build in the Senior School
- A further set of laptops for student use
- Regular upgrading and purchasing of additional devices for students across the school
- Significant refurbishment of the school grounds, in particular, Upper Primary yard and Senior yard
- SWIVL camera purchased, designed for teachers to reflect on own practice when teaching and learning

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

Thank you also to those of you who have contributed to the school through giving of your time either through School Council, Community Engagement or other committees, selling and purchasing raffle tickets and/or attending one of our school community events.

This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

In 2026, with your help, we are hoping to:

- Upgrade the Junior Primary playground
- Continue to upgrade our school grounds, in particular, the orchard and Senior yard quiet area.

Thank you,

SAM SILVERWOOD – PRINCIPAL

ADAM COODE – SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Curriculum Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom consumables, stationery, materials, and equipment, laminated resources • Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials • ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets – laptops, iPads, C-Pens • Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boardmaker ○ Reading Eggs ○ Mathletics • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay, etc • Cooking – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc that students consume • Sports – eg Trampolines, well equipped gymnasium • Sensory items recommended by our Occupation Therapist • Communication tools – assistive technology devices, displays, laminated resources 	\$310
Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions	\$310

Other Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student wellbeing programs • Music Therapy new equipment and replacements 	\$50
Total tax-deductible Other Contributions	\$50

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

Eastern Ranges 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Hoodies Year 12	TBA
Polo Shirts Year 6	TBA
Other optional excursions to be scheduled	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$

Financial Support for Families

Eastern Ranges School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State School's Relief provides support for eligible families to purchase uniforms at a reduced rate

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

Lynda Llewellyn, Business Manager

email: Lynda.llewellyn@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Total recommended amount	Total payment
Total tax-deductible contributions	\$360	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA	\$
Total	\$360	\$

Payment methods

Student's Name: _____	2026 Class _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit into school bank account: CBA BSB 063-223 Account 00902304 Reference: Student's Name Please email details to the school email address: eastern.ranges.sch@education.vic.gov.au	
<input type="checkbox"/> EFTPOS Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	

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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 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) 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.