



Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Truganina College is looking forward to another exciting year of learning opportunities for your child/ren in 2026.

We would like to advise our school community of Truganina College's **voluntary contributions for 2026**.

Truganina College provides students with free instruction to meet all standard curriculum requirements. While all contributions are voluntary, the continued support of our families plays a vital role in enabling the College to deliver high-quality educational programs and enriching experiences for every student. Your contributions directly support our ability to enhance learning programs, offer diverse co-curricular opportunities, and maintain the well-resourced and engaging environment that our students enjoy.

In recent years, parent contributions have made a significant impact – helping us to expand our supply of digital devices across all classrooms (removing the need for a BYOD program), install new lockers, develop additional basketball courts, create a yarning circle, upgrade classroom furniture, and fit out our new triple-storey buildings. These improvements have greatly enhanced both the learning and wellbeing of our students.

With your support in 2026, the College aims to continue improving our learning environments by enhancing gardens and outdoor spaces, fostering sustainability initiatives, and promoting a sense of pride and connection within our school community.

These continued partnerships make Truganina College a school of excellence and innovation.

For further information about the Department of Education's **Parent Payments Policy**, please refer to the one-page overview on the following page.

We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Truganina College and look forward to partnering with you again in 2026.

Yours sincerely,



Amanda Williams
Principal



Vinay Singla
School Council President

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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CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

Amount

Classroom consumables, materials & equipment

- Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper
- Science – STEM materials, laboratory resources
- Mathematics – manipulative materials, shared classroom materials
- English – book boxes, shared reading materials for classroom libraries, shared class sets of mentor texts / novels
- Yearly Planner / Reading Journal
- Online standardised testing and assessments including PAT – Reading, PAT – Maths, PAT – Science

\$80.00

Digital & Online Subscriptions

- Provides student access to online literacy and numeracy programs at a reduced rate through the College's bulk-purchase arrangements. Included subscriptions 2026 may include Wuskha / or alternative literacy based option and Mathletics.

\$50.00

Whole School Events

- Resources to support Book Week, Cultural Days, Harmony Day, Science Week, Education Week, Science Programs and other whole school events.

\$20.00

ICT Devices – provision of devices from shared classroom sets in all Primary classrooms and subjects (e.g. iPads, STEM equipment)

\$30.00

Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials

\$20.00

TOTAL CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

\$200.00

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OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Non-curriculum items and activities related to school functions and objectives

Amount

Grounds and facilities maintenance and enhancements

- Each year we invite parents to support the improvement of our school facilities. Contributed funds will enable School Council to provide additional play and learning spaces above those provided by the Government.

\$20.00

School Sports Victoria affiliation

\$5.00

Student Wellbeing Programs

\$5.00

First Aid equipment

\$5.00

Mobile Phone Pouch

- For students who choose to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be stored in a mobile phone pouch during the day, in line with the Department of Education's *Mobile Phones in Schools Policy*.

\$15.00

TOTAL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

\$50.00

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Building Fund

A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.

\$20 \$50 \$70 \$100

Library Fund

A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.

\$20 \$50 \$70 \$100

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EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN

Essential Student Stationery Items – paid directly to Truganina College

In accordance with the Department of Education's Parent Payments Policy, the College provides families with the option to purchase educational items for students to own directly through the school.

To ensure consistency, quality, and alignment with our teaching and learning programs, the College sources and supplies all essential stationery items required for students. These items are bundled into a stationery pack for each year level.

Payment for student stationery packs is made directly to the College. This arrangement aims to:

- ease the burden on families in sourcing the correct items,
- provide access to discounted pricing through our suppliers, and
- ensure delivery directly to the school, ready for distribution at the start of Term 1, 2026.

Parents may choose to source items independently using the Essential Stationery List provided below. However, families are encouraged to consider the convenience and value of the College's bulk purchasing arrangement.

A list of items included in the Essential Stationery List is provided below. All stationery items will be distributed to students at the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year.

\$50.00

ESSENTIAL STATIONERY ITEMS

- STAEDTLER PENCIL NATURAL JUMBO TRIANGULAR 2B | **QUANTITY: 4**
- INITV MARKER WHITEBOARD BULLET BLACK | **QUANTITY: 10**
- DOCUMENT WALLET PP W/BUTTON A4 CLEAR | **QUANTITY: 1**
- OSMER WHITEBOARD ERASER MINI MAGNETIC 50x50mm | **QUANTITY: 2**
- PICTOR MEGA SPACEBUDDIES SCRAPBOOK 100GSM 64 PAGE 330 X 240MM | **QUANTITY: 6**
- PICTOR DELUXE RED HANDLE STUDENT SCISSORS 140MM BLUNT TIP | **QUANTITY: 1**
- STAEDTLER 920 GLUE STICK 35G | **QUANTITY: 4**
- PICTOR COLOURED MEGA MARKERS PACK 12 | **QUANTITY: 1**
- PICTOR PREMIUM TWISTABLE CRAYONS PACK 12 | **QUANTITY: 1**
- PICTOR COLOURED A4 64 PAGE GROUND / GRASS / SKY BOOK 24MM DOTTED THIRDS | **QUANTITY: 2**
- PICTOR PREMIUM 330 X 240MM 64 PAGE MEGA STORY BOOK 24MM PLAIN / DOTTED THIRDS 24MM 100GSM PINK MOON | **QUANTITY: 2**
- DOMS JUMBO TRIANGULAR COLOUR PENCILS 5MM PACK 12 WITH BONUS SHARPENER AND 2 MARKERS | **QUANTITY: 1**

TOTAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENTS TO OWN

\$50.00

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Truganina 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. The school also provides activities at a Nil cost to parents. The school also provides activities that we request and appreciate 'a parent contribution'.

	Amount
Optional Items to keep (to be confirmed) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Photos	TBC
Optional Incursions x 4 - price to be confirmed (estimated 4 x \$20.00 = \$80)	TBC
Optional Excursions x 4 - price to be confirmed (estimated x \$50.00 = \$200)	TBC
TOTAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES	TBC

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

What it is: Financial assistance for eligible families to help cover the costs of school camps, sports activities, and excursions.

Who it's for: Families with children enrolled in government schools in Victoria, who hold a valid concession card (Health Care Card).

What it covers:

- \$125 per year for primary school students
- \$225 per year for secondary students

How to apply: Through your child's school, usually early in the school year.

State Schools' Relief (SSR)

What it is: A non-profit organisation that provides financial support to families struggling to afford school uniforms, shoes, and essential school items.

Who it's for: Students attending government schools in Victoria who are experiencing financial hardship.

What it can cover: School uniforms and school shoes

How to apply: Contact the school Administration team on truganinap9.co@education.vic.gov.au

Centrepay – see flyer on following pages for more information

Payment Plans – available via Compass

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Lisa Rouvray, Business Manager on 9368 9800 or via email at truganinap9.co@education.vic.gov.au

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TOTAL

CATEGORY	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$200.00
Other Contributions	\$50.00
Educational Items for Students to Own (Essential Stationery Items)	\$50.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	varies
TOTAL	\$300.00

PAYMENT METHODS

- Online via COMPASS (our preferred method)
- Centrepay
- Payment Plan
- EFTPOS
- 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 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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



CentrePay

CentrePay can assist families by making fortnightly payments to their family account at Truganina College.

This will allow families to pay for stationary, excursions, electives and camp.

CentrePay can be used if you receive one of the payments below from Services Australia:

- Family Tax Benefit A or B
- Parenting Payment
- JobSeeker Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment or Carer Allowance
- Youth Allowance / Austudy / ABSTUDY
- Age Pension

Why CentrePay?

CentrePay is a free bill paying service offered by Centrelink to help recipients of Centrelink payments arrange regular deductions for payment of ongoing expenses and regular bills including education.

Expression of Interest

Please scan **QR code** below, complete form and a member of the school admin team will contact you to discuss



CentrePay is easy to set up
You decide the amount and frequency.

You can stop payments when you reach the amount you wish to reach.

The School Admin Team are here to help

State Schools' Relief

State Schools' Relief helps students with footwear and clothing for school. They help students that may be facing challenges. State School Relief helps out if the families are unable to cover the costs of the uniform and shoes for school.

For all information and resources, please visit the [State Schools' Relief website](#)

If you require assistance with uniform, please email Truganina College at truganina.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au with "Uniform Assistance" as the subject line.

Our Administration team will endeavour to send an acknowledgement of receipt as soon as possible.

TRUGANINA COLLEGE ICT UPDATE

From 2026, Truganina College will provide enough devices for ALL students to use in their classroom. This means that parents no longer have to buy their child a device and children will **no longer be required to bring their own device to school**.

This change brings many benefits:

- Equity** – every child has the same access to technology.
- Savings** – no extra costs for families.
- Safety** – greater eSafety controls and protections.
- Support** – devices managed and maintained by the College.



WHAT IF MY CHILD ALREADY HAS A DEVICE?

If your child currently has a personal device, they are welcome to continue using it at home to support homework or personal learning. However, **from 2026**, school-based learning will take place on College-managed devices only.

WHY HAS TRUGANINA COLLEGE MADE THIS CHANGE?

This decision has been made for several important reasons:

- **Equity:** Every child deserves the same access to learning tools. Not all families are in a position to purchase devices, and we want to remove this financial pressure.
- **E-Safety:** School-managed devices allow us to provide a safer online experience for students. We can better manage what students access, improving their digital wellbeing and protecting them online.
- **Consistency:** When all students use the same type of device and applications, teachers can provide clearer instructions, consistent learning experiences, and better support in the classroom.
- **Reduced Costs for Families:** Families will no longer need to purchase, insure, or maintain personal iPads or devices for school use.
- **Better Learning Outcomes:** Centralised device management allows us to ensure that all digital tools are updated, reliable, and ready for learning – meaning fewer disruptions and more time focused on teaching.

This improvement reflects our College's ongoing commitment to equity, safety, and excellence in learning to BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, & SUCCEED