

19th November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

East Gippsland Specialist School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of East Gippsland Specialist School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

East Gippsland Specialist 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.

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

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Clark
PRINCIPAL



19/11/25

MATTHEW TURNER
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Curriculum Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> - Class materials – pens, pencils, textas, rulers, tape, glue, paint, crayons, workbooks, coloured paper etc. - Art supplies - Sensory items - Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$30.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> - Seesaw - Mathseeds - Reading eggs	\$10.00
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$20.00
<i>Communication tools – Visuals and assistive technology devices and/or displays</i>	\$10.00
<i>Excursions Bus Travel</i>	\$30.00
Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions – (Voluntary)	\$[parent to complete]

Other Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>To be advised throughout the year</i>	TBA
Total tax-deductible Other Contributions	\$[parent to complete]

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

East Gippsland Specialist School offers 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
<i>School magazine/ yearbook</i>	\$20.00
<i>Optional Swimming Program</i> <i>No cost for 2026 – DE subsidised Program</i>	\$0.00
<i>Optional camps and excursions - as scheduled throughout 2026.</i> <i>The cost if these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i> <i>If your family qualifies, CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be used)</i>	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Financial Support for Families

East Gippsland Specialist School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Cindy Felstead

Ph: 03 5152 5922 | Email: cindy.felstead@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Total recommended amount	Total payment
Total tax-deductible contributions	\$100.00	<i>\$(parent to complete)</i>
Extra-Curricular Items – School Magazine	\$20.00	<i>\$(parent to complete)</i>
Extra-Curricular Activities – Camps & Excursions, TBA	TBA	
Total	\$120.00	<i>\$(parent to complete)</i>

Payment methods

Payments may be made either in cash, BPay, Eftpos onsite or via Direct Deposit.

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 Payments 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.