

Dear parent/guardian,

EchUCA Twin Rivers Specialist School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of EchUCA Twin Rivers 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. 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 has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. Our literacy, numeracy and digital learning materials are extensive, and we are constantly adding new material for teachers to use to support personalised and quality learning.

Your financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of classroom consumables, resources and with our specialist programs of Art, Performing Arts & PE with the purchasing of varied art resources, musical instruments & PE equipment. Our fantastic playgrounds & ovals have all been supported through our combined efforts.

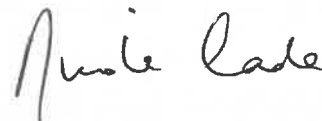
EchUCA Twin Rivers Specialist School is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) with the result that any donations made by you will be tax deductible. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed 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,



Paul Marshall
Principal



Nicole Lade
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom materials – pens, pencils, textas, glue, writing & scrap books, highlighters, display books, scissors, rulers, pencil cases, student diaries etc • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc • Maths resources – maths kits, calculators etc • Sports Equipment – including bikes & bike helmets • Sensory items – fidget & chew toys, shaving cream & other sensory items • Library Books • Eco Garden – gardening tools, gloves, plants etc 	\$220.00
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Box • Essential Numeracy • Oliver Library Subscription 	\$ 14.00
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets & apps	\$ 25.00
Communication tools – aided language, schedules, positive behaviour displays	\$ 30.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10.00
Total tax-deductible Curriculum Contributions	\$

Other Contributions – suggested tax-deductible contributions for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$ 1.00
Community Access Local excursions – fuel expenses	\$ 15.00
First aid and hygiene equipment	\$ 25.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$ 25.00
Total tax-deductible Other Contributions	\$

Educational items for students to own

A list can be obtained from the office of the items that the school recommends if you would like to purchase for your child to individually own and use.

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

Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist 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 (Optional)	Amount
Blue Reader Foler	\$ 16.00
School Bag with logo	\$ 47.00
School Beanie	\$ 16.00
VL Graduation Top	\$ TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$

Financial Support for Families

Echuca Twin Rivers 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
- Centrelink Centrepay Option

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

Tracey Paine

Ph: 03 5410 7700 | Email: tracey.paine@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Total recommended amount	Total payment
Total tax-deductible contributions	Base amount \$ 220.00 Full amount \$ 365.00	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Optional)	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

Payment methods

- EFTPOS
- Cash
- Direct Bank Deposit
Commonwealth Bank
Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School
BSB: 063-511
ACC: 1000 0452
Ref: Student Name_Curriculum Contribution

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.