

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The 2025 booklist order forms have been distributed which specifies the items required for the school year. You are invited to purchase your items through Education Plus using the booklist. If you choose this option, you can order online from today to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025. You may also choose to purchase these items from other sources, however, please ensure that the equivalent items follow the recommendations provided by the booklist so that students have everything they need to start the school year.

East Loddon P-12 College is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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's 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:

- Subsidise the cost of materials for specialist subjects
- Support Literacy and Mathematics subscriptions on digital platforms allowing students to learn at their point of need
- Subsidise the costs of excursions and activities run by the school
- Support the supply of iPads for our P-2 classes
- Supply individual netbooks for students from Yr 3-12
- Allow students access to interschool sports days.

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

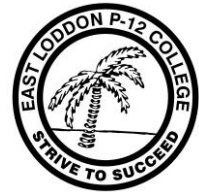
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Leed', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Leed  
Principal



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 4 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, coloured paper (\$15)</li> <li>• Science – activity materials (\$15)</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy activity materials (\$10)</li> <li>• English – decodable books (\$20)</li> <li>• Sports – equipment upkeep (\$10)</li> </ul>	\$70
Year 4 Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SpellEx Workbooks (\$30)</li> <li>• Times Table Rock Stars (\$7)</li> <li>• Essential Assessments (\$11)</li> </ul>	\$48
Year 4 Laptop – Provision and upkeep of devices and ICT - device configuration, server/system costs for devices owned by the school.	\$195
Year 4 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$40
Year 4 Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$35) – NON Mitiamo Pool Member</li> <li>• Swimming carnival – entry and transport (\$30) – Mitiamo Pool Member</li> </ul>	\$30/\$35
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Sports Affiliation – School Sports Victoria & Sandhurst Division Memberships	\$5
Tax deductible contributions	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$
<b>Total Amount</b>	\$



**Educational items for students to own**

The booklist provides a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Education Plus for your child to individually own and use.

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

East Loddon P-12 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
2025 School magazine/ yearbook – “Oasis”	\$20	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		\$

**Financial Support for Families**

East Loddon P-12 College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- the Second-Hand Uniform Shop
- State Schools Relief

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

Nathan Twigg

Ph: 03 5431 4444 | Email: nathan.twigg@education.vic.gov.au



**Total**

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

**Payment methods**

- Direct Deposit  
 Name: East Loddon P-12 School  
 BSB: 633 000  
 ACC: 134 364 033
- EFTPOS at the College Office

Payments can be made by instalments through setting up a recurring direct deposit to the College using the details provided above. For further information on the Department’s Parent Payment Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

**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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VM.
- 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.