

## COST OF SUBJECTS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

## **COSTS OF SUBJECTS TIMELINE**

Each elective subject will attract a charge being the value of cost recovery. Each subject is carefully costed each year ensuring the best value for money is achieved along with experiences that enrich your child's education.

The anticipated cost of each subject will not be available until after the school has completed its budgeting process later in the school year. Costs are indicated in the Subject Selection Online (SSO) system used to select subject electives for the following year. The SSO prices are indicative only and based on the previous year's actual costs.

Once our timetable is finalised we can then allocate students to elective subjects. Sixty days prior to the commencement of the school year, (around 1 December) families are notified of the next year's cost of schooling. This includes each subject cost and any additional costs such as excursions, camps and extra curricula activities such Year 12 Ball.

Costs are based on student participation, therefore should a student not attend an excursion, a part or all of the charge may not need to be paid.

## **SET AND FORGET PAYMENT PLAN**

As students' progress through high school, subject costs do increase in line with the experiences and materials the required. Collectively this can get expensive for families particularly when siblings are at high school together.

To assist families manage the cost of schooling, please consider putting in place a '<u>Set and Forget</u>' payment plan for as little as \$20 per fortnight early in your child's high school career. This small contribution will accumulate and be put towards our annual contributions and charges (subject electives) at the beginning of the school year.

We will keep you updated with the value of your contribution. As year 11 and 12 subjects are more intense and resource heavy, you have the opportunity to have a surplus accumulated over previous years to put towards these years, without needing to worry about debt and juggling multiple expenses that we know teenagers attract.

Importantly, we will keep in touch with you and provide regular statements, so you are aware of the situation at all times. Values and frequency of the plans can be altered to suit your personal needs.

## STATEMENTS AND DEBT COLLECTION

We issue information to families around 1 December (60 days prior to the school year commencement), indicating the **maximum** cost of the next year's schooling for each child. Once the deadline for subject changes has passed during term 1 of the school year, we can then apply our costs and email statements to families. Only at this time we ask for payment of the accounts.

Reminders are sent each term by email. Multiple ways are available to <u>pay</u> including Qkr! and BPoint, all of which are available via our website.

Any unpaid subject electives and additional activities (excursions) for the previous year are promptly passed early in the following school year to our debt collectors, to seek payment. To avoid this uncomfortable situation, we encourage families to put in place a '<u>Set and Forget</u>' plan to assist with spreading the total cost of schooling across your child's 6 years of high school.

