

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES EXPLAINED

We appreciate every family's financial contribution to the cost of schooling their child with proceeds enriching and improving the curriculum and opportunities for our students.

Families are advised by December each year as to the maximum costs that *could* be applied for the following year. Contributions are applied to Year 7 to 10 students and are legislated to a maximum of \$235.00 per year however compulsory charges are dependent on the actual cost and the student's participation.

Year 7 – 10: Voluntary Contributions are directly applied to each learning area to support your child's education by enabling the school to purchase extra materials, services and resources that are used daily in the classroom. At \$235.00 per year, this works out to less than \$6 per week or \$58.78 per term.

Year 7 – 10: Extra cost options (charges) are applied for optional activities such as year book, excursions, after school activities, competitions, camps etc. and are only incurred should your child participate in the activity. Please note that some subjects in Year 7- 10, including Triathlon, attract a subject charge. We work on a cost recovery basis and keep costs to an absolute minimum, to maintain maximum value for money for our families. This cost is compulsory once the student commences.

Year 11 and 12: Compulsory subject charges (extra cost option) are applied based on your child's selected subjects for year 11 and 12. Again, we work on a cost recovery basis and keep costs to an absolute minimum, to maintain maximum value for money for our families. Where the cost is deemed to be high, we will request a 50% confirmation charge towards the cost of the option.

VET Students: for those students participating in certificate courses delivered by an outside provider, the cost of this course is required to be met prior to the course commencement. To facilitate this, we request a 50% confirmation with the remaining balance due prior to the school year's commencement. This cost is compulsory once the student commences.

Voluntary Approved Requests will be applied towards:

- Technology – providing state of the art equipment such as 3D printers, high specification computer laboratories, virtual reality equipment and robotics.
- Parents and Citizens (P&C) Contribution – the P&C donate funds to the school to supplement funding or purchase additional equipment. We are very grateful to our active P&C who, in the past have provided funding for our Alive Weeks Festival, Silent Disco equipment, Year 12 Presentation Night and new lockers.
- Library – improvements in the Library space, including furniture, automation and resources.
- Chaplain – supporting our full time Chaplain program.

Statements are sent to families mid Term 1 to assist with spreading the cost of getting your child ready for school over several months. Statements are sent each term for any overdue amounts.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Wherever possible we utilise available technologies to facilitate payment to the school and provide flexible and easy options to families.

Our preferred methods are:

- Qkr!
- BPoint
- EFTPOS

Families can make arrangements with our Corporate Service staff to pay by instalments managed through the schools BPOINT system. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff.

GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Holders of valid;

- Health Care Card;
- Pensioner Concession Card, or
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (blue card only)

May be eligible for the Secondary Assistance Scheme.

Application forms are emailed to all families with their Contributions and Charges Information at the beginning of the school year and are also available in the Administration Office. Please present the completed forms and your card to our Administration office. Please do not sign the form until we are able to witness it for you.

The forms are due by the end of Term 1 each year. Please note that no late applications can be accepted and the expenses will remain the parent/guardian's responsibility.

The following are available under the [Secondary Assistance Scheme](#)

- Education Program Allowance - \$235.00
- Clothing Allowance - \$115.00
- ABSTUDY Supplement - \$79 or \$156

Further information can be found at the Secondary Assistance Scheme [website](#).

PERSONAL ITEMS LISTS

Each student will require the right equipment and resources to successfully participate in the classes during the year. To ensure your child is ready for class, we provide a Personal Items List for each year group. Items can be purchased from any provider or via our partner, Campion.

We work closely with Campion to ensure a comprehensive one stop shop is provided to parents while achieving value for money on your behalf.