



Contribution and Charges Payment Policy

What are contribution and charges used for?

A few examples include: food technology equipment, transport, photographic equipment and art supplies, timber, metals, consumable tools, external instructors, sporting equipment and text books.

Who should pay?

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected contributions and charges, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the total amount of contribution and charge, it is unfair for those parents who meet their financial commitments to subsidise the education of those students whose parents do not pay.

Payment Options:

The college has many varied payment plan options for families to enter into, please refer to page two of this document for details.

Collecting Charges:

With respect to charges for years 8 to 12, the college will actively seek full payment of Compulsory Charges.

The College Board has endorsed the following actions:

- Regular accounts sent home to parents
- Parents who refuse to communicate with the college and have made no effort to pay charges will be referred to our debt collection agency as permitted in the regulations.
- Students whose family has a history of non – payment may be refused enrolment in high cost elective subjects.
- Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 high cost subjects will require a minimum 50% confirmation charge prior to enrolment.
- Where parents with outstanding Compulsory Charges have failed to arrange and commit to a payment plan, the student may be placed in a low cost elective subject.

Payment Plan Options - 2017

Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 School Charges and Contributions should be paid in full on or before February 2, 2017 unless a payment plan has been entered into. Payment of **Year 11 & 12 Charges** is compulsory and must be finalised, or a payment plan in place, before the start of the 2017 school year.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Contributions and charges can be settled by any of the following methods

- Cash or cheque
- EFTPOS (cheque, savings or credit accounts)
- Credit or Debit Card (Visa or MasterCard) instalments – application is completed at the College
- Centrepay system (operated by Centrelink) instalments – application is completed at the College
- Direct debit from a bank, credit union or building society account, paid by instalments - application is completed at the College
- BPay – see reverse of statement for details. If entering into this method of payment, please advise the school of your intention.

CENTREPAY (CENTRELINK) SYSTEM

The **Centrepay** system is offered to customers who receive regular payments from Centrelink. Centrelink will deduct the nominated amount from the Centrelink allowance and deposit into the College bank account. Uniforms may be added to the school charges if paying by this method. The application is completed at the College and the Customer Reference Number (CRN) will be required.

DIRECT DEBIT, CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD INSTALMENTS

When using the **Direct Debit** system, parents nominate an amount to be deducted from a bank, credit union or building society account, to be deposited directly into the College bank account. **Credit Card instalments** are managed by College staff at nominated fortnightly or monthly intervals. School voluntary contributions, charges and uniforms can be paid by the Direct Debit, Credit or Debit Card instalment methods and application is made at the College. Full bank, credit union or building society account details (ie BSB and account number) or credit or debit card details will be required when applying.

WA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME – PLEASE REFER TO COLLEGE WEBSITE FOR APPLICATION DETAILS.

If you are the holder of one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pension Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

and have not previously made application at any other West Australian government school in the current year, you may be entitled to apply for secondary assistance in the form of \$235.00 Education Allowance (or a pro-rata amount depending on the date of the application) to be paid directly against the voluntary contributions and \$115.00 Clothing Allowance, which can be paid directly to the College or to the parent.

Parents who have already claimed Aboriginal Grants Scheme (Abstudy) are not also entitled to claim from the Secondary Assistance Scheme as above. However, if parents have received Abstudy and the College has received the \$156.00 Abstudy payment from Centrelink for their child, **an additional \$79.00 Education Allowance** can be claimed from the WA Department of Education under the Secondary Assistance Scheme. \$79.00 will then be paid directly against voluntary contributions or charges, depending on the academic year of the student.

Please note: Health Care or Pension cards must be current at the time of application.