



HARRISDALE

Senior High School

AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Contributions & Charges

Information for All Years 2022

APPROVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
NOTED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Important Dates for the start of the School Year

School Resumes for Students Monday 31 January 2022

Payment of Voluntary Contributions and Charges will take place in the Administration Building. Secondary Assistance (Education Program Allowance) forms can be completed at this time.

The Schools Administration Office will be open:-
Monday 24 January to Tuesday 25 January 2022 8:15am to 3:45pm
Thursday 27 January to Friday 28 January 2022 8:15am to 3:45pm

CLOSED Wednesday 26 January 2022

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

The following information is intended to make the school charges and contributions structure clear for parents and caregivers. Harrisdale Senior High School directs its efforts towards keeping costs as low and as equitable as possible. The Harrisdale Senior High School - School Board has examined the contributions and charges structure in detail and has approved the amounts shown in accordance with the Education Act.

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

We recommend you start making plans now so that you are in a position to pay your Voluntary Contributions and Compulsory Charges. Accounts for Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 should be settled before commencement of the new school year, or as soon as possible during Term 1, using one of the methods outlined below. Accounts have been provided to you within this package.

Methods of Payment

Accounts can be settled by any of the following methods

Online:

- **BPOINT via our website** harrisdaleshs.wa.edu.au (Preferred method).
- **BPAY** – Please refer to your Contributions and Charges for details on your biller code and reference number.
- **Direct Deposit** into school bank account BSB 066 040 Account Number 19903573, using Students Surname, First Name as reference.

Or at school:

- **Cash**
- **EFTPOS** (cheque, savings or credit)
- **Parent Payment Plan** - Direct debit from a bank or credit card, paid by instalments (application must be completed at the school)

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

To be eligible for the allowance, the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 **Clothing Allowance** paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- \$235 **Educational Program Allowance** paid directly to the school.

Applications can be made at the school by a parent or guardian of student/s enrolled in Years 7–12 studying a full time secondary course at a Western Australian public school.

Eligibility Criteria

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Health Care Card
- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The parent/guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid some time during first term

Parents/Guardians who have claimed Abstudy, may also be entitled to claim a further \$79.00 towards secondary schooling costs.

Applications Close Friday 8 April 2022

Why it is Important to Pay Voluntary Contributions and Charges

The State Government through the Department of Education provides placement at educational facilities for all students who choose to attend Government schools. The Department also pays salaries of all teaching and non-teaching staff plus costs such as repairs, maintenance and utilities. The Government does not provide for some of the goods and services which students use and it is reasonable for parents to meet these costs.

Financial support provided by parents has always played an enabling role in the provision of resources that extends the school's capacity to deliver quality teaching and learning programs. For example, parent contributions allow schools to provide class sets of text books instead of students having to provide their own. Estimates of the level of the total payments that will be received from parents form an important element in the school's annual financial plans.

How much can be charged?

For years 7, 8, 9 and 10 the maximum voluntary contributions a school may charge is currently fixed at \$235; however, additional compulsory charges above that figure can be requested for consumables and additional resources. For Years 11 and 12 there are no maximum charges set by the State Government. Schools endeavour to set their own charges for these years and such charges are compulsory. The school can also request a 50% confirmation charge for these years.

Who should pay?

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected fees, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. From Year 9, parents of students who choose the more expensive option subjects need to consider the costs during the subject selection process. All would agree that it is unfair for those parents who meet their financial commitments to be seen to subsidise the education of those students whose parents do not pay their contributions and charges.

A Compassionate View

This school is only too aware that the payment of school contributions and charges can be a burden for some families. Payment plans can be tailored to suit families in those financial circumstances. Deferred payments and credit card/savings account debits are also options available to support

parents experiencing difficulties. However, we do need to talk to you about this and in this regard we encourage you to contact the school.

Collecting Contributions & Charges

The school will actively seek full payment of contributions and charges from parents/caregivers of all students at Harrisdale Senior High School. The School Board supports the school taking a proactive approach to the collection of contributions and charges and in support of this process, has endorsed the following actions:

- Regular statements and unpaid billing item reminders will be sent home to parents.
- Parents who refuse to communicate with the school and have made no effort to pay will be sent letters by the Manager Corporate Services
- Timetable changes to low-cost subjects that meet the requirements of the West Australian curriculum
- Telephone calls made to the Fees Biller
- Year 9/10 Elective Subjects and all Year 11/12 Subjects will require a 50% confirmation charge prior to enrolment.

Voluntary Approved Requests

Pastoral Care

A contribution of \$25.00 to support the presence of a non-denominational chaplain who is an integral part of the school's pastoral care team and is not an employee of the Department of Education. This position is solely funded by the community and your donations.

P & C Contributions

The P&C (Parents and Citizens) Association seeks your support in 2022 by appealing to parents for a contribution of \$20.00 per student. This enables the P&C to purchase much needed equipment and resources for student's use and relieve the pressure of a few volunteers to raise funds.

Library Contribution

The Library contribution is \$25.00 as the school is required to purchase a large and expensive range of equipment and books. Department of Education provides limited funding to provide resources for this centre.

Information Technology

We are requesting \$30.00 to assist with the upgrade, support, management, training and ongoing maintenance of the school's computer network.

Student Services

The Student Services contribution is \$20.00. Our Student Services team comprises the Student Services Associate Principal, School Psychologist, Community Health Nurse, Education Assistants and Year Coordinators.

Other Optional Costs

Printing Credit

\$15 printing allocation

PERSONAL ITEMS - BOOKLISTS

Personal Items (Booklists) have been provided to you within this package. Online orders through Ziggies need to be completed by the cut-off date. The school receives a commission for all orders processed through Ziggies. After a tender process, the school selected Ziggies as our Personal Items Lists supplier. They provided very competitive prices and low delivery costs for our school community.

Families are under no obligation to use Ziggies.