CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES HANDBOOK

2025

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SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMPULSORY CHARGES

Welcome to parents/caregivers of students at Harrisdale Senior High School. This handbook, aims to provide you with clear information relating to your contributions and charges (school fees) for the 2025 school year. Harrisdale Senior High School directs its efforts towards keeping costs as low and as equitable as possible while maintaining our high standard of educational programs. The level for financial support requested of parents/caregivers for the education of your child, has been determined by the principal with the approval of our school board in accordance with legislation and authorities which include the School Education Act 1999 (WA) and Department of Education polices.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO PAY CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMPULSORY 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 to request parents/caregivers meet these costs. Each student is charged only for resources specific to each of their subjects which extends the schools capacity to add value to students' learning experiences, therefore each student's contributions and charges will vary according to their choice of subjects. Financial support provided by our parents/caregivers has always formed an important part of our schools annual financial planning. For example, parents/caregiver contributions and charges allow Harrisdale SHS to provide class sets of text books instead of students having to provide their own, materials for art and crafts, design and technology or equipment for physical education or science activities.

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WHO SHOULD PAY?

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

HOW MUCH CAN BE REQUESTED OR CHARGED?

For years 7, 8, 9 and 10 the maximum contributions Harrisdale Senior High School can request is fixed at $235; however, additional 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, these are determined by the school. **Charges are costs for which payment is compulsory.** The school can request a 50% confirmation payment for these years.

TAFE CHARGES

Harrisdale Senior High School students may enrol in North/South Metropolitan Tafe to study certificates courses dependent upon their chosen pathway. The charges for these certificates are payable in advance to Harrisdale Senior High School. These charges are non-refundable should your child not complete the course or simply change their mind.

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMPULSORY CHARGES

We recommend you start making plans now so that you are in a position to pay your contributions and charges. Accounts for all years, should be settled before commencement of the new school year, or as soon as possible during Term 1, using one of the methods outlined in this booklet. Accounts are provided in Term 4 of the school year prior, to allow sufficient time for parents to pay before Term 1 Week 5 of the following year.

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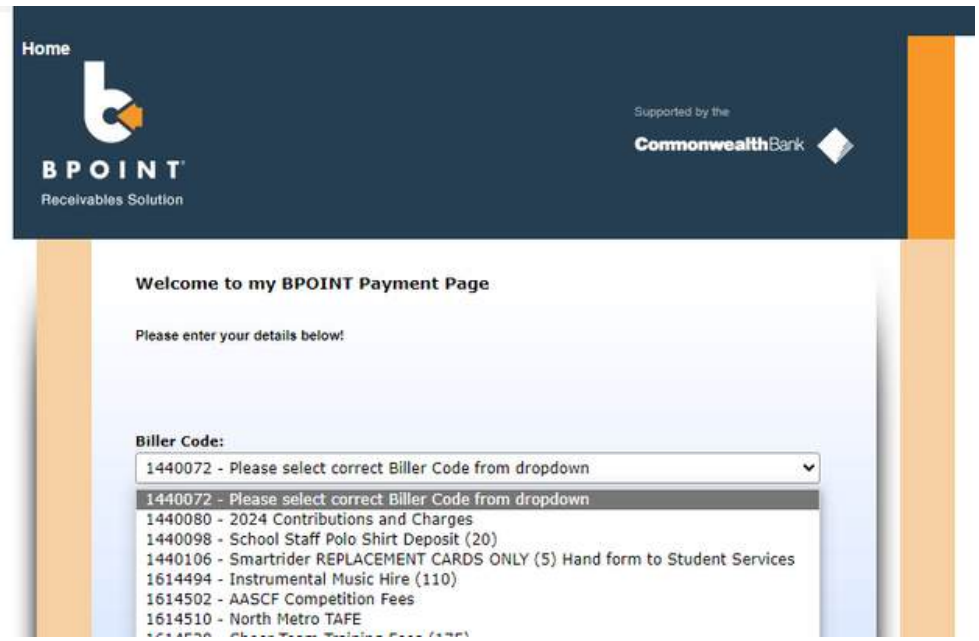
METHODS OF PAYMENT

ONLINE VIA BPOINT

BPoint is our preferred method pf payment. To pay via Bpoint go to the Harrisdale SHS website and click “Pay Here”. You will be directed to a screen with a drop down box containing relevant Biller Codes.



BPAY

Payments can be made via BPAY. Obtain the relevant details from your child’s Contributions and Charges Statement. (Issued in Term 4 in preparation for Term 1 of the following school year.

AT SCHOOL

Payments can also be made at Front Reception via EFTPOS.

Direct Debit Payment Plans can be arranged for families wishing to spread out the cost over time.

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COLLECTING CONTRIBUTIONS AND 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 reminder letters by the Manager Corporate Services. Where high-cost subjects are being studied, timetable changes of students to low-cost subjects that meet the WACE requirements may be made. Telephone calls and SMS messages made to the Fees Biller.

Parents/caregivers do need to be aware that charges are compulsory and can be referred to an external collection source if no effort is made to make payment prior to the school year ending.

A COMPASSIONATE VIEW

Whilst full payment of contributions and charges should be made prior to the start of the 2025 school year, or as soon as possible in Term 1. We acknowledge that for some families, the payment of contributions and charges can be challenging. To help overcome the problem of paying contributions and charges in advance, payment plans can be tailored to suit families in these financial circumstances. To arrange a payment plan, please contact the Finance Office on (08) 9397 8000 (option 3) prior to the commencement of the 2025 school year.

VOLUNTARY APPROVED REQUESTS

Pastoral Care A contribution of $25.00 supports 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 each year 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.

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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, Student Services Managers, School Psychologists, Student Support Coordinators/Officers, Community Health Nurses, Education Assistants and Year Coordinators.

OTHER OPTIONAL COSTS

Printing Credit $15 printing allocation.

SmartRider Card SmartRider cards are issued to all new students. The cost of the initial card is free. New students who have not had their photo taken should request to be photographed at Student Services. Replacement cards can be issued at a cost of $5.00

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YEAR BOOK

$35 per student - Year Book will be provided and distributed at the beginning of the following year.

BUS MAINTENANCE

$15 per student for running costs and maintaining our Harrisdale Senior High School bus.

ADDITIONAL COSTS ITEMS

EXTRA COST OPTIONAL COMPONENTS OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (Anticipated Excursions, Incursions, Competitions and Other Activities) As required by the Department of Education, parents and guardians need to be informed of the excursions, incursions, camps, competitions and other activities that may take place in 2025. Participation in these activities is voluntary. The charge listed is an estimated maximum amount that can be charged and will not be exceeded. There may be additional excursions that have no cost to the parents or guardians. For full list of additional cost items, see document on website.

REFUNDS

The school undertakes activities such as excursions, in-school performances, and camps on a self-supporting cost basis. If you have paid for an activity and your child cannot attend, please notify the school as soon as possible. The refund may be credited to the student's account. If the school has incurred a cost for the activity on behalf of a student, this will be deducted from any refund, i.e bus costs, entry fee etc.

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SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

EDUCATION PROGRAM ALLOWANCE (EPA) AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. Parents/guardians must apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme each school year (annually), applications do not carry forward to future years.

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:

- $300 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.

ELIGIBLITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) HealthCare 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. The only exception to this is when a student holds their own health care card and has been declared independent by Centrelink (e.g. Living Away from Home). In this instance, a letter of confirmation from Centrelink needs to accompany the application. The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age.

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SCHOOL FEES AT A GLANCE Year 7 and 8

YEAR 7 & 8 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2025		
Course	Contribution	TOTAL
Mathematics	$27.00	$27.00
English	$27.00	$27.00
Science	$30.00	$30.00
Humanities & Social Sciences	$24.00	$24.00
The Arts Taster Course	$32.00	$32.00
Technologies Taster Course	$32.00	$32.00
Physical Education	$22.00	$22.00
Health	$9.00	$9.00
Languages	$32.00	$32.00
		$235.00

YEAR 7 & 8 COMPULSORY CHARGES 2025		
Course	Compulsory	TOTAL
HEAP Activities	$130.00	
Gifted and Talented Activities	$130.00	
		$130.00

MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS 2025		
		TOTAL
OTHER OPTIONAL COSTS	Print Credit	$15.00
	Year Book	$35.00
	School Bus	$15.00
ADDITIONAL VOL. REQUESTS	Student Services	$20.00
	Information Technology	$30.00
	Library	$25.00
	Pastoral Care	$25.00
	Publications	$10.00
	P&C Contribution	$20.00

As discussed on page 3, elective subjects in Years 9 - 12 attract compulsory charges in addition to the fees above. Please consult the relevant Handbook on our website for a list of all subjects and their charges.

ADDITIONAL COST ITEMS 2025

HARRISDALE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - WHOLE SCHOOL
Extra Cost Optional Components of Education Programs
Anticipated Excursions, Incursions, Competitions and Other Activities

As required by the Department of Education, we are informing parents and guardians of the excursions, incursions, camps, competitions and other activities that **MAY** take place in 2025. **Participation in most these activities is voluntary, however there are a small number of compulsory excursions.** The charge listed is an estimated maximum amount and will not be exceeded. Payment will be required during the year at the time of the activity. **Please do not pay until notice has been given.** There may be additional excursions throughout the year that have no cost to the parents or guardians.

Learning Areas	Description (Per course within each Learning Area)	YEARS	Number per year, per course, per cohort.	$ AMOUNT
Mathematics	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 – 12	8	Up to $50.00 each
English	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 – 10	6	Up to $50.00 each
	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	11 - 12	6	Up to $50.00 each
Science	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 – 12	7	Up to $50.00 each
	Human Biology	11 - 12	1	Up to $75.00 each
	Biology	11 - 12	2	Up to $70.00 each
	Physics	11 - 12	2	Up to $80.00 each
	Psychology	11 - 12	1	Up to $60.00 each
	Science in Practice	11 - 12	3	Up to $70.00 each

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Learning Areas	Description (Per course within each Learning Area)	YEARS	Number per year, per course, per cohort.	$ AMOUNT
Humanities and Social Sciences	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 – 10 11 - 12	6	Up to $50.00 each Up to $100.00 each
Languages: French/Japanese	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 - 9 10 - 12	6 4	Up to $50.00 each Up to $80.00 each
	Language Themed Meal/Experience	7 - 12	1	Up to $75.00 each
Health and Physical Education	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursion and Competitions including Carnivals and Tournaments	7 - 12	15	Up to $30.00 each
	School Representative Team	7 - 12	4	Up to $50.00 each sport
	School Camps and or Expeditions	7 - 12		Up to $300
Specialist Cricket	Curriculum related incursions, excursions including carnivals, competitions, and tournaments	7 - 12	10	Up to $250.00
	School Camps/Expeditions	7 - 12	2	Up to $1000.00
	Intrastate Cricket Tours	7 - 12	1	Up to $2000.00
	Interstate Cricket Tours	7 - 12	1	Up to $3500.00
	International Cricket Tours	7 - 12	1	Up to $5000.00

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Learning Areas	Description (Per course within each Learning Area)	YEARS	Number per year, per course, per cohort.	$ AMOUNT
Vocational Education Program	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	10 - 12	4	Up to $40.00 each
	Career Excursions	11 - 12	1	Up to $50.00 each
	TAFE VETDSS Course Incidental Fees	10 - 12	1	Up to $300.00
	UniReady	11 - 12	1	Up to $400.00
	Certificate II in Community Services	11 or 12	1	$50
	Certificate II in Sport Coaching	11	1	$50
Gifted and Talented Program (GAT)	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 - 10	6	Up to $50.00 each
Harrisdale Extension Academic Program (HEAP)	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 - 10	6	Up to $50.00 each
General (across all Learning Areas, Clubs and Year Cohorts.)	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations including specialist equipment and or clothing.	7 - 12	16	Up to $40.00 each
General (as above)	Camp / Day Camp	7 - 12	1	Up to $300.00 each

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Learning Areas	Description (Per course within each Learning Area)	YEARS	Number per year, per course, per cohort.	$ AMOUNT
Careers	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 - 12	6	Up to $40.00 each per day
Technologies	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 - 12	6	Up to $30.00 each
	Try a Trade - Registrations	9 - 10	4	Up to $30.00 each
	Try a Trade - Safety Clothing	9 - 10	4	Up to $300.00
Arts	Media, Visual Arts, Fashion and Design: Curriculum related excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 - 12		Up to $50.00 each
	Instrumental Music Hire	7 - 12		Up to $110.00 per instrument
	Music Camp Media Camp	7 - 12	1 each	Up to $300.00
	Drama: Curriculum related Incursions, Excursion, Registrations and Competitions	7 - 12	6	Up to $50.00 each
	Dance and Drama: Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Registrations, Competitions, Dance Workshops and Choreography Days	7 - 12	6	Up to $50.00 each

ADDITIONAL COST ITEMS 2025

Learning Areas	Description (Per course within each Learning Area)	YEARS	Number per year, per course, per cohort.	$ AMOUNT
Musical Theatre	Musical Theatre Club	7 - 12	1	$75
	Uniform (Company T-shirt and Musical Cast T-shirt)	7 - 12	1	$50
	Dance Shoes Jazz, Tap, Chorus	7-12	1	$100
	Musical Theatre Camp	7 - 12	1	Up to $300

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Learning Areas	Description (Per course within each Learning Area)	YEARS		$ AMOUNT
Harrisdale HEAT (selected students)	Training: Yearly Coaching Fee	7 - 12		$200 per team
	Competition - Aussie Gold Spectacular	7 - 12		$65 for the first routine & $25 for every additional routine
	Competition - AASCF State Series	7 - 12		$60 for the first routine & $35 for every additional routine $10 insurance
	Competition - AASCF Nationals (QLD travel team only)	7 - 12		$70 for the first routine & $30 for every additional routine $10 insurance
	Cheer Uniform Hire	7 - 12		$100/year (includes top/skort hire & bow to keep)
	Dance Costumes	7 - 12		Up to $100 per costume
	Heat Merchandise	7 - 12		Up to $200
	TNT Events: Detonation Day and Friday Night Lights	7 - 12		$10 each event
Possible HEAT events	HEAT Camp	7 - 12		Up to $300
	HEAT Tour to QLD	7 - 12		HEAT TOUR to QLD to compete in AASCF National: Up to $2000 (optional)
Miscellaneous	Please be aware of extra costs that may be incurred (hair/makeup/shoes etc.)			

ADDITIONAL COST ITEMS 2025

Learning Areas	Description (Per course within each Learning Area)	YEARS	Number per year, per course, per cohort.	$ AMOUNT
Student Services	Social Events Social Events Reward Excursions	7 - 9 10 - 12 7 - 12	4 1 4	Up to $100.00 each Up to $150.00 each Up to $20.00 each
Student Councillors	Curriculum related Incursions, Excursions, Competitions and Registrations	7 - 12	4	Up to $50.00 each
School Tour	Intrastate	7 - 12	1	Up to $2,000.00
	Interstate	7 - 12	2	Up to $3,500.00
	International	7 - 12	1	Up to $5,000.00
Duke of Edinburgh Award	Award Registration	9 - 12	1	Bronze $171 Silver $198 Gold $210
WA Cadets Bush Rangers	The Bush Rangers program develops young adults' understandings of conservation and related practical skills. It builds teamwork and leadership skills, and involves cadets in camps and conservation projects.	9 - 12	1	$100
Senior School	Year 12 Valedictory tickets (parents/guardians of Year 12 students) Valedictory Activities	12 12		Up to $80 each Up to $50 each
	Year 12 Year Book	12	1	$35.00 per book
	Year 12 Ball Ticket Year 12 Leavers Jackets	12 12	1 1	Up to $200.00 each Up to $180.00 each
	ATAR Revision classes	11 - 12		Up to $100 per unit

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