



**2025**

## **Contributions and Charges for Warnbro Community High School**

### **RATIONALE**

Voluntary contributions, compulsory charges and approved funding enable the school to enrich the curriculum. All contributions and charges (CC) assist in providing an educational program that meets the requirements of the Curriculum Framework and comply with the guidelines issued by the Department of Education and the School Education Act. Payment would be greatly appreciated so as not to put burden on the school resources that would be used to purchase items not covered under CC such as Information Technology devices, musical instruments, Manual Arts equipment to name a few. The school relies upon all families to contribute.

### **The Legal Position**

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 for the wages of all teaching and non-teaching positions plus costs such as repairs, maintenance, and utilities. Government does not provide for many goods and services which students use and see it as reasonable for parents to meet these costs.

This school is only too aware that the payment of school contributions and charges can be a burden for some families. Part payments, deferred payments and periodical credit card debits are all available to support parents experiencing difficulties. However, we do need to talk to you about this. Ignoring accounts and reminders is unhelpful to all parties.

### **Collecting Contributions & Charges**

The school will take a positive approach to collecting contributions from parents/caregivers of students in Years 7 to 10. With respect to charges for Years 7 to 12, the school will actively seek full payment of charges when appropriate. The School Board is in support of this process and has endorsed the following actions:

- Regular statements sent home to parents (minimum six per year)
- Year 11/12 Subjects will require at least 50% payment of charges or contact the school prior to August. Failing to do this could mean Compulsory Charges be referred to a debt collection agency unless prior arrangements have been made.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school's account team on (08) 9528 9400 to make alternative payment arrangements.

Financial support provided by parents has always played an enabling role in the provision of resources that extend the school's capacity to add value to students' learning experience. For example, parent contributions allow schools to provide class sets of textbooks instead of students having to provide their own.

### **Where do contributions and charges go?**

Some examples include ingredients in home economics, transport, photographic equipment and supplies, art materials, timber, metals and consumable tools, external instructors, consumable sporting equipment, text books, etc.

### **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 that are of a high cost. 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 as 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 contributions and charges, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. 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. This school is committed to an even-handed and responsible approach so all parents should make contributions towards their children's education.

### **Secondary Assistance Scheme**

Department of Education provides an allowance to Parents/Guardians who are holders of the following-Centrelink Family Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (only the blue annual Veterans' Affairs Card is eligible). Card held must be current during term one (5 February to 11 April 2025) for at least 4 weeks, have student listed on the card and not expired at the time of applying for SAS. The allowance is paid to parent or guardian of students enrolled in years 7 to 12. This includes students who turn 18 years of age (students born in 2006 or before are ineligible in 2025). The allowance consists of two components:

- \$300.00 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or you may elect to have this paid to the school and put towards your child's voluntary contribution and compulsory charges
- \$235.00 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school. This will be applied towards education program charges in the first instance, with any residual to be applied to the voluntary contribution (for years 7 to 10) or as negotiated with the parent/guardian (for years 11 to 12).

***A NEW APPLICATION NEEDS TO BE MADE EVERY YEAR.*** If you have claimed in a previous year, it will not be paid automatically in 2025.

Please bring your bank details and Centrelink card to be sighted by staff if you are applying in 2025. To apply for the assistance, please attend the School's Administration Reception. APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 11 April 2025.

The State Government through the Western Australian Department of Education provides the allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.'

### **Approved Specialist Programs Years 7 – 10**

Approved Specialist Programs in Creative Arts (CASP) and Adventure Recreation (Ad Rec) are offered as special programs at Warnbro CHS and will incur additional charges above the voluntary contribution. Charges for Special Programs are required to be paid at the start of the school year prior to commencement.

In addition to the above, extra cost optional components may also be requested during the year and these are listed on the Additional Cost Sheet. We also have Approved Optional Costs and Additional Voluntary Requests, which can be seen on the Contributions & Charges sheet. A brief description can be found below.

### **Extra Cost Optional Components, Approved Optional Requests and Additional Voluntary Contributions**

#### ***School Diary***

This year the school is offering a WCHS diary for \$1.50. Students will be issued with their diary on the first day of school. Parents/guardians can use the diary to monitor student homework and sign the diary weekly.

***If your Child is in LEAP they will be required to purchase a diary for \$15.00 which will be used in English, HaSS, Mathematics and Science classes.*** This will be listed on the Contribution and Charges sheet. The diary contains additional enrichment material to help with study skills. Some additions in the diary are School Expectations; The Practice of Mindfulness; Helpful Support Services for Parent and Students; World Maps; Key Vocabulary for Essays; Student Thinking Tool Kit; Math's Guide; Reflection prompts Mindful colouring; Priorities/due Dates management; and Academic Integrity recording.

### ***Library Contribution***

The Library Contribution assists in the purchase and provision of resources for all students to use and borrow. These include Smartrider Card; a combined library and public transport ID (issued to year 7, year 8 and new students. If a replacement card is required a charge of \$5.00 is required). Fictional books to encourage recreational reading. Information books and videos to support the learning areas. Newspaper and magazine subscriptions to provide current information to students. CD Roms, Laptops, and audiovisual equipment.

### ***Chaplaincy Contribution***

The funds raised will be used to subsidise the costs of employment of chaplains. Our Chaplain/s provides a valuable service to our school. This includes pastoral support and care for students and their families and support to the school in its aim to provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment, including the organising of the school's Breakfast Club. Positive role models, leaders in both the community and school environment, and a reference point for teachers, students, and community members. An integral link of the school partnership with the community and creates liaison opportunities between the school community, local churches, and other community organisations within the City of Rockingham. Guidance and support for the many students at risk, including participation in camps, excursions, sporting programs and cultural events so that contact is made with as many students as possible.

### **Extra Optional Cost Information Sheet and Booklist**

The list of items for personal use, incursions and excursions will vary from student to student and includes:

- Requirements for all students and used in lessons  
e.g. stationery items, calculator, etc.
- Requirements recommended but not essential for all students  
e.g. PE shirts, art shirt, safety boots etc.
- Requirements for selected students and not directly part of the educational program  
e.g. class photographs, Year 12 leavers' shirts, etc.
- Yr 11 and 12 Textbooks and Specialist items.

The Booklist contains Resources and Book Requirements for each subject your child is enrolled in. Most materials can be purchased through Champion; however, you are not obliged to use this supplier. Your child will need to have the listed materials each school day and at times it will be necessary to replace some of these items, such as pens or pencils, throughout the year. For Year 7 to 10 the items are mostly stationery and while we would like you to support Champion most of these items can be sourced from local shop outlets; this includes items such as scientific calculators.

Most students will need a USB Flash Drive 32GB device and your child may require a USB across multiple subjects; please only purchase one at the start of the year and purchase more only if needed. Please check the booklist carefully against the Contributions and Charges Sheet enclosed and purchase only items for the subjects that your child is undertaking.

On the Optional Additional Costs Information Sheet, these are to a maximum cost that you can be charged for that item. Please be aware that not all the costed items may occur in 2025. The purpose is to inform you so that you can budget and have no surprises throughout the year.