

2022 Compulsory Charges

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope to improve awareness of the school's compulsory charges structure by including relevant information on the following pages.

Geraldton Senior High School is committed to keeping costs to a minimum whilst maintaining an interesting and engaging curriculum that provides equitable access to all students. All costs outlined in this booklet are approved by the school's Finance Committee and Board in accordance with the School Education Act 1999. This booklet also outlines the assistance available to parents/carers and the eligibility requirements that enable you to access assistance.

All parents/carers will receive a statement of charges for each child enrolled at Geraldton Senior High School. Schools rely heavily on parents/carers meeting their commitment in respect to these charges. Our capacity to continue to provide students with the consumables that enable us to present a quality curriculum is directly affected by your commitment to meeting these payments. Some optional courses have a higher charge based on the cost of consumables for that course. Those who are unable to meet these costs by the end of Term 1 2022 are encouraged to contact the Finance Officer on 9965 8407 to enter into an agreed payment plan.

Thank you for your ongoing support in the education of your child at Geraldton Senior High School.

Greg Kelly
Principal

How Paying Course Charges Affects the School

Financial support provided by parents/carers has always played a significant role in enhancing a schools' capacity to add value to students' learning experience. The continuing partnership between schools and parents/carers is vital in ensuring that all students receive a level of education that meets all Western Australia Certificate of Education requirements. Given that students are able to choose courses that will offer learning outcomes related to future local employment and/or further educational prospects, it is considered fair and equitable that all parents/carers pay for these courses. Similarly, it is generally considered unfair that some families could be expected to pay for the consumable components of courses for other students. This is different to Years 7 to 10 as students undertake compulsory studies in core subjects.

This school believes all parents/carers should pay compulsory charges that will cover the expenses resulting from their child's selection of courses and we are committed to maintaining an even-handed and reasonable approach to serving that ideal.

Voluntary requests are optional payments to contribute to specific funds and projects at the school including bus supplement, technology, chaplaincy program, library and Parents & Citizens Association.

In Year 11 all subject charges are compulsory and must be paid in full by 1 April 2022 or alternatively, you have entered into an agreed payment plan with the school. Students who participate in various elective courses may be charged for additional materials specifically used for special projects.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Parents/carers who are experiencing financial difficulty may elect to pay the balance in instalments. Please contact our Finance Officer on 9965 8407 to discuss payment options. To check if you are eligible for the Secondary Assistance Scheme, please refer to Page 4 of this booklet. You may be eligible for other payments such as ABSTUDY Supplement Allowance which is available through Centrelink.

Paying parents/carers expect NOT to subsidise non-paying parents/carers. The school is required to actively pursue the collection of compulsory charges and will do so. This is strongly supported by the School Board. Where there is an outstanding charge, the school will take steps to recover the compulsory charges due.

TAX INVOICE AND STATEMENT SUMMARY

This is your statement that details the compulsory charges associated with your child's proposed learning program and timetable. However, due to changes in student timetable selections, there may be adjustments to individual student costs throughout the course of the year. In light of this, please be aware that account balances may fluctuate.

VOLUNTARY REQUESTS

Set out below is an explanation of the voluntary requests which appear on your child's statement of charges.

Technology - \$25.00	All students use computers, printers, scanners, digital cameras and the internet as tools to assist their learning across the curriculum. The school also purchases a wide range of software packages to meet the individual learning needs and interest of our students. The contribution assists with ongoing costs associated with this technology.
Bus Supplement - \$15.00	The school has three buses which are used to transport students to school excursions, camps and sporting events. This significantly reduces costs as hire buses are not usually required.
P&C Contributions - \$10.00	The P&C Contributions were set up to avoid the need for all families to participate in fundraising activities. Funds raised for the P&C are spent directly on projects that stakeholders feel are important and for the benefit of your children.
Chaplaincy Program - \$10.00	Students and families may be met with unexpected life challenges and situations. Our Chaplaincy Program enables the school to employ qualified staff to be available to both families and students to listen and guide, for mediation and referral to external agencies (where required).
Library - \$10.00	The school continues to replace resources in the library which support the learning of all students.

Accepted Methods of Payment

Payments can be made at the school administration between 8.00am and 4.00pm during school terms excluding public holidays by:

- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Cheque
- ✓ EFTPOS
- ✓ Credit Card – in person, by phone or by payment plan authority
- ✓ Direct Deposit

Account Name: Geraldton Senior High School
BSB No: 633 000
Account No: 165 575 135
Reference: Student's full name or Student ID number

2022 Secondary Assistance Scheme

Applications close **Friday 1 April 2022**

Do you hold a Centrelink concession/health care card?

Financial assistance is available for holders of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card (**MUST** state student's name)
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card

The allowance consists of two components:

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

Please apply in person at the school's administration where you must present your card to be able to complete your application – this is a mandatory requirement.

Please Note: Health Care & Pension cards must be current at the time of application.

- Applications commencing Monday **31 January 2022**
- Applications closing Friday **1 April 2022**

Parents/carers who have already claimed Aboriginal Grants (Abstudy) are not entitled to claim the Secondary Assistance Scheme as above. However, if parents/carers have claimed Abstudy from Centrelink, an additional \$79 Education Allowance can be claimed under the Secondary Assistance Scheme.

Schedule of Charges

COURSE CHARGES

Compulsory charges apply to extra cost optional courses, where additional consumables are provided to students. This will be charged as a project fee eg. Woodwork project. Please note that the school does not make a profit from these charges as they are either passed onto external providers or used to purchase materials consumed by students.

Additional charges for optional extra activities which address broad learning outcomes may be offered to students (eg. social events, excursions, camps and competition entry fees). It is not possible to determine the actual cost of such future activities at this stage, therefore, the school provides parents/carers with an estimated maximum cost to enable them to budget for the year ahead. This information is provided with this booklet for your convenience.

When an activity is planned and the student chooses to participate, parents/carers will be notified of the final cost (which will not exceed the estimated maximum previously stated in this document.) These activities are not compulsory and students are not disadvantaged by not participating.

KEY POINTS

Fee Type	Year Level	What you are paying for
Course Charges (Compulsory)	Years 11 and 12	Resources for your child to use in the classroom such as the ability to do multiple experiments in Science, cook something a little different in Home Economics and everyone gets a little more material to use in Jewellery and other Technologies courses. Each course has a particular charge related to it as outlined on the following pages.
Voluntary Requests	All year levels	This payment helps the school make Chaplains available to students and families; replace the bus for all students to use in excursions, make more technology available in classrooms and better equip the P&C to avoid extra fundraising.
Optional Extra Activities and Project Fees	All year levels	During the year, students may be invited to participate in additional excursions or may be inspired to build something large or use more elaborate materials. These are optional but must be paid for in order to participate.

	Course of Study		Cost Description	Cost
*Associated estimated costs				
ENGLISH	Foundation	FEENG	Course Cost	\$35.00
	General	GEENG / S	Course Cost	\$40.00
	ATAR	AEENG	Course Cost	\$40.00
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Outdoor Education - General	GEOED	Course Cost Camp/Excursion Total	\$100.00 *\$70.00 \$170.00
	Physical Education - General	GEPES	Course Cost	\$60.00
	Physical Education Studies - ATAR	AEPES	Course Cost	\$80.00
	Certificate II Sport and Recreation	C2SR-A	Course Cost Provide First Aid (HLTAID011) Total	\$80.00 *\$40.00 \$120.00
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES HASS	Geography - General	GEGEO	Course Cost Camp/Excursion Total	\$40.00 *\$250.00 \$290.00
	Geography - ATAR	AEGEO	Course Cost Camp/Excursion Total	\$50.00 *\$250.00 \$300.00
	Modern History - General	GEHIM	Course Cost	\$50.00
	Modern History - ATAR	AEHIM	Course Cost	\$50.00
MATHEMATICS	Foundation	FEMAT G	Course Cost	\$35.00
	Essentials - General	GEMAE	Course Cost	\$35.00
	Applications - ATAR	AEMAA	Course Cost	\$35.00
	Methods - ATAR	AEMAM	Course Cost	\$50.00
	Specialist - ATAR	AEMAS	Course Cost	\$50.00

Learning Area		Course of Study	Code	Cost Description	Cost
*Associated estimated costs					
ARTS	PERFORMING ARTS	Dance - General	GEDAN	Course Cost	\$90.00
		Design Photography - General	GEDESP	Course Cost	\$95.00
	VISUAL ARTS	Visual Arts - General	GEVAR	Course Cost	\$130.00
SCIENCE		Human Biology - General	GEHBY	Course Cost	\$65.00
		Human Biology - ATAR	AEHBY	Course Cost	\$65.00
		Physics - ATAR	AEPHY	Course Cost	\$60.00
		Chemistry - ATAR	AECHE	Course Cost	\$70.00
		Marine and Maritime - General	GEMMS	Course Cost	\$115.00
SEN		ASDAN – Cooking	ASDANC	Course Cost	\$70.00
		ASDAN – Sport & Leisure	ASDANSR	Course Cost	\$50.00
		ASDAN – Other	ASDAN1	Course Cost	\$40.00
SKILLING THROUGH ENTERPRISE PROGRAM - STEP		English - General	GEENG S	Course Cost	\$40.00
		Mathematics - General	GEMAE S	Course Cost	\$35.00
		Career and Enterprise	G2CAE S	Course Cost	\$30.00
		Workplace Learning	ADWPL S	Course Cost	\$100.00
		Building and Construction - General	GEBCN S	Course Cost	\$150.00
		White Card		Course Cost Per participating student	\$65.00

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*Associated estimated costs					
TECHNOLOGIES	BUSINESS & COMPUTING	Certificate II Business	C2BUS-A	Course Cost	\$55.00
	HOME ECONOMICS	Children, Family and the Community: Caring for Others - General	GECFC	Course Cost	\$85.00
		Food Science and Technology - General	GEFST	Course Cost	\$95.00
TECHNOLOGIES	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Automotive Engineering and Technology - General	GEAET	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Building and Construction - General	GEBCN	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Materials, Design and Technology: Metals - General	GEMDTM	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Materials, Design and Technology: Metals (Jewellery) - General	GEMDTMJ	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Materials, Design and Technology: Wood - General	GEMDTW	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Certificate II Engineering Pathway	C2EN-A	Course Cost	\$95.00
VET	White Card Training			Cost per participating student	*\$65.00
	Workplace Learning	ADWPL	Course Cost	\$100.00	
	Career and Enterprise	G2CAE	Course Cost	\$30.00	
WARLUGURRA WALGAMANYULU	English Foundation	FEELD W	Course Cost	\$35.00	
	Mathematics Foundation	FEMAT W	Course Cost	\$35.00	
	Visual Arts - General	GEVAR	Course Cost	\$130.00	
	Health, Physical and Outdoor Education Foundation	FEHPO	Course Cost	\$75.00	
	Certificate II Skills for Work	C2SWW-A	Course Cost	\$60.00	

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GIGAMAN GAWALA	English Foundation	FEELD G	Course Cost	\$35.00
	Mathematics Foundation	FEMAT G	Course Cost	\$35.00
	Physical Education Studies - General	GEPES	Course Cost	\$60.00
	Outdoor Education - General	GEOED	Course Cost Camp / Excursion	\$100.00 *70.00
			Total	\$170.00
	Aboriginal Language: Wajarri General	GEAIS	Course Cost	\$75.00
OPTIONAL EXTRAS	Your child may be invited to participate in a camp, excursion, competition and/or require additional items for a special project.			*\$5.00 to \$900.00
	In 2022, students may be offered the opportunity to travel interstate or internationally for school camps. Participation by students is optional.			**\$2000 to *\$5000.00
	Events		Participating Students - Rewards/Events	*\$5.00 to *\$250.00
	Yearbook		Participating Students	*\$20.00