

ASHDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMPULSORY CHARGES



Voluntary contributions, compulsory charges and approved optional costs and requests paid by parents and guardians enable the provision of resources that extend the school's capacity to add value to students' learning experience.

Outlined below are the contributions and charges for Ashdale Secondary College for 2017.

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10

The voluntary contribution requested for Year 7 to 10 students are \$235.00.

PLEASE NOTE: The \$235 is budgeted across all learning areas and does not reflect the students' course of study.

Year 9 & 10

Where students choose high cost optional courses, **compulsory charges** apply. Compulsory charges are separate from the standard voluntary cost on the accounts sent to parents. Advance payment of one third is required upon subject selection in Term 3. The second instalment due 2 December 2016 (end of week 8, Term 4) and the final instalment due 24 February 2017 (end of Week 4, Term 1 2017). If payments are not received, students may be moved to a lower cost option.

Year 11 & 12

Payment for all courses in Year 11 and 12 are **compulsory**. There is no established maximum as charges depend on the subjects selected by the students. Advance payment of one third is required upon subject selection. The second instalment due 2 December 2016 (end of week 8, Term 4) and the final instalment due 24 February 2017 (end of Week 4, Term 1 2017). If payments are not received, students may be moved to a lower cost option.

High Cost Options (Year 9 - Year 12)

Several courses attract a particularly high cost and in choosing these subjects families are agreeing to the terms of payment outlined above. Students will be **reallocated** into standard cost courses if compulsory charges are not paid in full.

PLEASE NOTE: the advance payment **will not show** on the initial 2017 invoice sent home in December 2016. However your final 2016 statement shows the advanced payment you have made as '**Credit amount not allocated to the above**'. An updated statement reflecting this payment will be issued in 2017 after the end of year financial roll over. If paying contribution and charges in full before this statement is sent, please check with the office of the amount owing before paying the balance.

Other Optional Costs & Voluntary Approved Requests

The Ashdale Secondary College School Board has endorsed Other Optional Costs and Voluntary Approved Requests of \$125 per student and is broken down as follows:

Other Optional Costs

Technology / Internet	\$40
School Activities/ Carnivals	\$20
Youth Focus	\$10

Voluntary Approved Requests

Library Fund	\$15
P&C Contribution	\$30
School Bus Maintenance	\$10

P & C Contribution

Collection of the \$30 levy is directed back into the college by the P & C Association. The P&C approved the purchase of literacy pro lexile book collection, science display cabinets, defibrillators (x2), data logger for science, history competition fee, graduation gowns and EV challenge.

Meetings are held in week 5 of each term. We invite you to attend any of the P&C meetings and bring forward ideas and suggestions for the benefit of all our students.

Personal Items List

Personal items such as stationery for all years are available online through OfficeMax or may be purchased at any store.

Text books for Year 7 – 10 are provided by the college.

Text books for Year 11 and 12 are to be purchased by parents.

The required list for personal items and text books for all years and the instructions are available online:

<https://www.ashdalesc.wa.edu.au>.

Personal items list ordering is under the Student and Parents tab using access key provided on personal items list or direct link <https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/WA/Darch/Ashdale-Secondary-College>

Visa Holders

Some visa holders **must** apply and pay tuition directly to Education and Training International (ETI) in addition to the school's standard requested voluntary contribution & charges.

<http://www.eti.wa.edu.au/studying-at-schools/policies-regarding-enrolling-the-dependents-of-students-exchange-programs-and-study-tours.html>.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The State Government, through the Department of Education provides financial support to eligible parents through the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS). The aim of this scheme is to assist low income families with secondary schooling costs.

The allowance consists of two components: **\$235 Educational Program Allowance** is paid directly to the school and is taken as payment toward the voluntary contributions, compulsory charges and approved optional costs.

\$115 Clothing Allowance to assist with purchase of the school uniform or parents can opt to direct payment to the school to decrease outstanding balance of voluntary contribution and/or charges. Application is made by parents or guardians of students enrolled in Years 7 to 12 up to and including the year the student turns 17 years of age.

Parents/guardians must hold one of the following cards:

- **Human Services Health Care Card**

Card holder must be parent/guardian. Claims cannot be made by a parent using a student's card (i.e. the student may hold a card for disability purposes).

- **Human Services Pensioner Concession Card**

Student name should be listed on the card. The above cards must be current during first term. Application must be in person, forms are available from Administration office at the college in the beginning of term one 2017. Applications **close** at the end of term 1. Any application received after this date will not be accepted.

Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card Health Pensioner Card, TPI / TPI Gold Cards or State Cards cannot be accepted as they are issued for medical benefit purposes only.

Debt Collection

The School Board approved the college utilising the services of a debt collection agency to recover all unpaid compulsory charges.

EXCURSIONS / INCURSIONS/ OTHER

Students will incur costs when they are involved in a particular activity only. The amounts represent the **maximum** charged for scheduled activities. **As in the past, you will be asked to make payment for each activity as it approaches.** Estimated costs for excursions, camps, class activities for 2017 are as follows:

Student Services

During the course of the year students will be offered a variety of rewards excursions /incursions. Participation in these events will

depend on specific criteria being met. Rewards will differ for each year group. For example in Year 7 to Year 10 it may be a day at The Great Escape, river cruise, camp and; whilst for senior school it will include a Year 11 dinner/dance and in Year 12, school ball, graduation jacket and graduation gift/sash and a final year breakfast. It is envisaged that the total cost for extra activities for Student Services will not exceed \$400 per student for the year.

The Arts

May incur additional costs up to \$50 - to cover ticket and bus fees for visits to the Art Gallery, Dance, Drama and Music performances throughout the year.

Production students will incur a charge of up to \$70 for makeup and costumes.

Arts Tour - \$2500

Music Ensemble Camp - \$100

English

Year 7 -10 students may be offered the opportunity to participate in a range of excursions and incursions. These could include visits to theatre performances, film screenings or working with visiting groups.

The excursion cost would include entry fees, transportation costs and any guest speaker charges. The total cost of excursions and incursions would not exceed \$25 per student per year.

Senior School English

ATAR and General courses may all involve excursion and/or incursions. The total cost will not exceed \$50 per student which would include entry fees, transportation costs and guest speaker fees.

Humanities & Social Sciences

Year 7–10 students may be offered the opportunity to participate in a range of excursions that could include visits to the Fremantle Prison, Parliament House, Francis Burt Law Education Program, Museum of Western Australia, Desalination Recycling Water Plants and Kings Park. The excursion cost would include entry fees, transportation costs and guest speaker charges. The total cost of excursions would not exceed \$50 per student per year.

Senior School Humanities & Social Sciences

Geography, History, Politics & Law, and Economics courses may all involve excursions and / or incursions. The total cost would not exceed \$50 per student per year, which would include entry fees, transportation costs and guest speaker fees. **PLEASE NOTE:** Fieldwork is a compulsory component of the Geography course and as such students are required to attend.

Humanities and Social Sciences

Canberra Tour will cost approximately \$1800 in 2017 for successful applicants

Business Education

Accounting and Finance and Business Management & Enterprise courses may all involve excursions and/or incursions. The total cost would not exceed \$50 per student, which would include entry fees, transportation costs and guest speaker fees.

Year 10 – 12 Business Certificate students may be offered the opportunity to participate in a number of incursions and excursions. This includes guest speakers for both the Certificate Courses and the Business Management and Enterprise Course. Excursions could include visits to Central TAFE, National Australia Bank and mining experiences. The excursion cost would include entry fees, transportation costs and guests speaker charges. The total cost of excursions should not exceed \$50 per student per year.

PLEASE NOTE: Certain non-compulsory mining experiences, that could include visits to Boddington Gold, Alcoa (Pinjarra) and Tom Price, could exceed \$50 per students.

Physical Education

There will be excursions to various sporting venues throughout the year. Interschool Carnivals are paid via collection of Other Optional Costs.

PE Excursions - Maximum	\$20
Ski trip	\$3500
Netball Tour	\$2500
Soccer Tour	\$2500

Tour costs may also include uniforms or tour jumpers/jackets, along with entrance fees to events. These amounts are inclusive of the total shown above.

Science

Year 7- 10 students may be offered the opportunity to participate in a range of Excursion /incursions. The total cost would not exceed \$50 per student per year.

Senior School Science

Biology, Human Biology, Psychology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics and Integrated Science. All excursion/incursion charges comprise entry fees, bus, tutors and hire of any equipment and would not exceed \$100 per student per year. **Note** The Earth and Environmental Course will include a camp at approximately \$400 per student.

Home Economics

Year 7-9 Home Economics and Year 10 Food – Students may incur additional costs dependent on individual projects pursued in

the course. This should not exceed \$10. Year 10 Hospitality – Students may incur additional costs dependent on individual projects pursued in the course. This should not exceed \$10 per term. An excursion to a relevant industry venue up the value of \$40 may be conducted during the year. Certificate II Hospitality – excursions up to the value of \$40 to industry and training facilities.

Year 11 and 12 Food, Science and Technology – excursions up the value of \$40 to relevant industry venue.

Year 11 and 12 Children, Family and the Community – excursions to relevant industry venues, costs will not exceed \$40.

Certificate II in Community Services – excursions to relevant industry venues, costs will not exceed \$40

Learning Enrichment Centre - Autism Extension Program and Learning Support Program

Students participate in an extensive community access program and VILS lessons. Cost for these excursions will be no more than \$100 for the year.

Intensive WACE tutoring

A cost of \$20 per course for semester 1 and \$20 per course for Semester 2 for Year 12 students opting for WACE tutoring. This is to be paid prior to the commencement of the tutoring program.

Photocopy Charge

We request a \$10 up front credit payment. Once the credit is used students will need to pay further top up to secure additional credit throughout the year. The breakdown of charge per copy is as follows:

A3 Colour	= \$1
A3 Black & White	= 50c
A4 Colour	= 50c
A4 Black & White	= 20c

Smartrider Cards are free for Year 7 students. There will be a charge of \$5 for any replacement Smart Rider cards in all years. Students that turn 18 during the year will require to order an adult Smartrider Card and this will incur a \$10 charge.

Saver Plus

Join Saver Plus before 31 December to match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card. Further enquiries please Contact: **Meagan Parry** Ph: 9440 4147 or Mob: 0438 518 603.

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