

KINROSS COLLEGE PARENT GUIDE TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Financial support provided by parents/carers will always play an enabling role in the provision of resources that extend the college's capacity to add value to your child's learning experience. You will be advised no later than two (2) months before school commences in an itemised statement (Charges and Contribution Sheet) notifying you of the requested contributions for your child for the forthcoming school year.

Your child is entitled to participate in an educational program that satisfies the requirements of the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline. The Principal, in consultation with the relevant college committees, and in accordance with the School Education Act 1999, the School Education Regulations 2000 and Department of Education policies, determine all payments requested for the education of your child.

This guide will outline what your payment will be used for in your child's educational program. Payment received from you can only be used for these purposes. If they are not used for these purposes, the school must seek approval from you for the payment to be used for another purpose, otherwise a refund will be given.

Contributions

The school will request a contribution of **\$235** from you for your child, which will allow the school to provide the following items across all learning areas. These include:

- ◆ class resources, texts or eBooks
- ◆ photocopy materials including printing
- ◆ curriculum materials/resources
- ◆ Internet access
- ◆ materials for Visual Art, Design and Technology (Woodwork), Science activities (including experiments) and other college activities
- ◆ cooking ingredients for Home Economics

The Department of Education's Contribution, Charges and Fees Policy clearly states that it is expected that those parents who can afford to make the contribution, do so. \$235 is to support the cost of materials, services and facilities used or consumed by your child at the college. Parents/carers who hold a concession card may be eligible for financial subsidy for the contributions through the *Secondary Assistance Scheme*. (Please refer to the section on **Secondary Assistance** for more information)

Compulsory Charges – these charges must be paid by parents and will include but are not limited to:

- ◆ *Electives* – these are a range of Year 8-10 charged subjects which are specific to the individual student/s interests and selected by the student (with parent permission), to study across a Semester or year in addition to the standard
- ◆ *Health and Wellbeing Online* – all students are required to purchase access to this online program which has now replaced the college diary and contains important information specific to your child's learning and pastoral care
- ◆ *Education Perfect Suite* – this suite allows students access to all subjects in an online platform. Utilising this option is more efficient and cost effective than the additional charges that would otherwise be imposed on parents for workbooks and other charged resources that this program has now replaced. It allows the student online access at home and reduces the quantity of resources that your child needs to carry from classroom to classroom and home to school each day.
- ◆ *Excursions/Camps* – this charge is payable and compulsory if your child opts to participate. The charge associated with the provision of these activities, services or facilities covers the cost of providing the service or running the activity
- ◆ *Laptop Program* – if you have opted into the Laptop Program this is a compulsory annual payment, which includes technical support for laptops.

A comprehensive breakdown of all Charges is included in the information pack sent to parents by 1 December each year. Parents may enter a Payment Plan to cover costs.

Approved Voluntary Requests and Additional Charges and Other Optional Costs and Services

In accordance with the school Education Act 1999, the school must provide information to you that include a maximum estimate of anticipated additional costs for your child before the beginning of the school year. Please be aware that these are not confirmed services, facilities and activities and therefore some may not necessarily occur during the school year. Payment for these will be requested at the time they occur. This information will be sent to parents by 1 December each year. This may include but is not limited to:

IT Resources & Technical Support - the payment you make towards this will directly assist with your child's technology skill development that will be life-long learning. It will fund a wide range of infrastructure and resources that could not be provided without your help, they include but not limited to:

- ◆ the use of various technology devices in the college including iPads, iMac and PC workstations
- ◆ high speed internet
- ◆ Printing allowance for each student
- ◆ Audio visual displays in all classrooms allows wireless teaching and learning using current technology

Student Support Services – this is a valuable resource that provides specific support for students emotional and social wellbeing.

Personal Items List

Personal Items List (Booklist). These are items that your child will be required to bring to school and may include:

- ◆ stationery items ◆ display books ◆ calculators ◆ protective eye wear

You may purchase your child's **Personal Items List** online through a nominated school supplier (to be advised) or you may choose any supplier (i.e. Officeworks, Woolworths, Coles etc.). Any purchases made through the nominated school supplier will result in a commission payment to the school. *(Please note: The Personal Items List for your child will be provided to you before 1 December each year, together with your Charges and Contribution Sheet).*

It is important that your child brings the required items each day. If your child has exhausted or loses any items, they must be replaced immediately (i.e. pens, pencils, ruler). These items will not be supplied by the teacher.

Other Funding

Kinross College receives government funding which meets the cost of:

- ◆ staff - includes teaching staff, administration, support staff and relief teachers
- ◆ teaching materials and equipment - includes computers, physical education equipment, laboratory equipment, library materials and some curriculum materials
- ◆ specific programs – funding for programs
- ◆ information technology - includes provision of information and communication technology and software licensing
- ◆ facilities - includes school sites and maintenance of buildings and grounds
- ◆ furniture and equipment - includes desks, chairs and tables for students and staff, photocopying equipment, school buses, computers and printers
- ◆ school security - Education Security service
- ◆ school operational costs - includes telephone, utilities (e.g. gas, electricity, water, sanitation, waste removal), cleaning and professional development for staff.

Payments from parents/carers for contributions and charges for your child will be used towards the cost of providing an educational program that meets the requirements of the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline. Non-payment of contributions and charges can result in the school being unable to deliver the educational programs efficiently and effectively.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) is available to parents/carers of secondary students, up to and including the year in which they turn 18, and only if the parent/carer (not the student) is a holder of one of the following prescribed cards:

- ◆ Centrelink Family Health Care Card;
- ◆ Pensioner Concession Card; or
- ◆ Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

If a parent does not have a card the application will not be successful.

The SAS includes a Clothing Allowance of \$115 and Educational Program Allowance of \$235. Students in receipt of ABSTUDY are eligible for the ABSTUDY Supplement Allowance. The Clothing Allowance is payable to the parent and payment is made directly into a nominated bank account, or the parent can nominate it to be sent directly to the school.

The Educational Program Allowance is payable directly to the school (parents do not receive this payment). In Year 7, the payment of \$235 will be firstly deducted from the outstanding contribution. Any remaining funds will then be deducted from outstanding charges.

Application forms for SAS will be available from the school in December each year. You will be required to lodge these forms in person, as your valid concession card must be sighted and signature verified. Applications close at the end of Term 1 2021. No late applications will be accepted by the Department of Education.

Payment Options

The school will accept various payment methods including:

- ◆ Cash
- ◆ Credit Card
- ◆ Direct Deposit from your bank account to the school bank account
- ◆ Payment Instalment Plan – in liaison with our Finance Officer, you can nominate an amount and payment frequency that suits you.