Dear Parents & Caregivers

Please find enclosed your invoice for courses selected for 2015.

It is important that you prioritise payment of the college contributions and charges. There is an expectation by the College Council that you see the value of your child receiving their education in a well resourced environment. All courses at Geraldton Senior College are supplemented by parent payments and your child directly benefits. Your prompt payment is appreciated.

The set voluntary contribution for Year 10 student courses is $235.00 plus a voluntary approved request of $95.00 and a college diary at $5.00. Total year 10 contribution will be $335.00.

Camps, Excursions and Other Optional Costs
Students may be invited to participate in a camp in 2015. Camp costs are kept as low as possible (sometimes fundraising is undertaken). Costs for Intrastate camps may be between $150.00 - $800.00. Interstate camps may cost up to $2000.00 and international camps may cost up to $3500.00.

Many opportunities are presented to students to participate in extracurricular activities or to purchase additional items. These may include: college diary, sporting or end of year activities and the annual yearbook. Costs for these items may range from $5 up to $100 per item.

Prompt payment of all contributions and charges is vital to College planning and programming. Facilities for payment by Credit Card and EFTPOS will be available to assist parents. It is also possible for parents to enter into an arrangement whereby the total payable is automatically charged to their credit card in ten monthly instalments commencing February 2015. Arrangements can also be made for payment through a number of Option Plans including direct deposits from your bank account.

Financial assistance is available for parents who hold a current Family Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card valid during Term One, 2015. The level of assistance for 2015 will be $235.00 per child in Years 10, 11 and 12. The closing date for the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) will be Thursday 2nd April 2015. The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age but must be applied for each year.

In addition, persons who qualify for SAS assistance will receive $115.00 for Clothing Allowance. Parents will need to present their Pension Card or Health Card when completing an application form. Conditions apply. Independent students qualify for financial assistance if they have a Health Care Card in their own name and proof from Centrelink of their independent status.

Aboriginal families should note that an Abstudy School Fee Allowance of either $78.00 or $156.00 can be applied for with Centrelink. Eligible parents may also apply for the Abstudy Supplement of $79.00 through the Secondary Assistance Scheme.

While a high standard of instruction will continue to be provided, it is critical to the range and quality of student facilities, services and opportunities, that all contributions and charges are paid. This enables your child to attend a well resourced college.

Should you require further information or would like to discuss contributions and charges structure and payment options, please do not hesitate to contact the College Finance Officer on 9965 8407.

The College will reopen on Tuesday, January 27th 2015 for general office business and the completion of Secondary Assistance Scheme forms.

All students commence on Monday, 2nd February 2015.

Yours sincerely

Mr Garry Simmons
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