



Geraldton Senior College

Charges and Associated Costs
Year 11
2018



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2018 Compulsory Charges

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Geraldton Senior College 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 Finance Committee and College Board in accordance with the School Education Act 1999. The booklet also outlines the assistance that is available to parents and the eligibility requirements that enable you to access this assistance.

All parents will receive a statement of charges for each child enrolled at the college. If you believe this statement to be incorrect, please contact the Finance Officer on 9965 8400.

Schools rely heavily on parents meeting their commitments 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 consumable for that course. Parents who are unable to meet these costs by the end of Term 1, 2018 are encouraged to contact the Finance Officer to enter into an agreed payment plan.

Thank you for your support of your child's education at Geraldton Senior College.

Greg Kelly
Principal

How Paying Course Charges Affects the College

Financial support provided by parents 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 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 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 college believes all parents 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 Years 11 and 12 all subject charges are compulsory and must be paid in full by 13 April 2018 or have entered into an agreed payment plan with the college. Students that participate in various elective courses may be charged for additional materials specifically used for special projects.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Parents and caregivers who are experiencing financial difficulty may elect to pay the balance in instalments. Please contact our Finance Officer on 9965 8400 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 expect NOT to subsidise non-paying parents. The college is required to actively pursue the collection of compulsory charges and will do so. This is strongly supported by the College Board. Where there is an outstanding charge, the college will take steps to recover the compulsory charges due.

STUDENT CHARGES 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 college also purchase 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 college has three school buses, which are used to transport students to school excursions, camps and sporting events. This significantly reduces costs to parents 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 parents, students and school staff 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 college 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 College

BSB No: 016-650 Account No: 1100 68583

Reference: Student's full name or Student ID number

We understand the cost of schooling can be a burden for many families particularly at the beginning of the year. If you wish to discuss payment options or a payment plan please contact the Finance Officer on 9965 8400.

2018 Secondary Assistance Scheme

Applications close **Friday 13 April 2018**

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 college
- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/caregiver or paid to the college

Please apply in person at the college 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 Wednesday **31 January 2018**
- Applications closing Friday **13 April 2018**

Parents who have already claimed Aboriginal Grants (Abstudy) are not entitled to claim the Secondary Assistance Scheme as above. However, if parents 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 college 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 college provides parents 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 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 choosing not to participate.

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.

Learning Area	Course of Study	Code	Cost Description	Cost
*Associated estimated costs				
EXTERNAL RTO	Certificate II Building & Construction	C2BC	White Card	*\$75.00
			Senior First Aid	*\$25.00
			Total	\$100.00
ENGLISH	Foundation Year 11	FEENG	Course Cost	\$40.00
	General Year 11	GEENG	Course Cost	\$40.00
	ATAR Year 11	AEENG	Course Cost	\$40.00
GIGAMAN GAWALA	English Foundation Year 11	FEELD G	Course Cost	\$40.00
	Mathematics Foundation Year 11	FEMAT G	Course Cost	\$30.00
	Health, Physical & Outdoor Education Foundation - Year 11	FEHPO G	Course Cost	\$75.00
	Aboriginal Languages: Wajarri General – Year 11	GEABL G	Course Cost	\$75.00
	Certificate II Sport & Recreation General - Year 11	C2SRG A	Course Cost First Aid Certificate	\$80.00 *\$25.00 Total \$105.00
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Outdoor Education General - Year 11	GEOED	Course Cost Camp/Excursion	\$100.00 *\$50.00 Total \$150.00
	Physical Education General - Year 11	GEPES	Course Cost	\$60.00
	Physical Education Studies ATAR - Year 11	AEPES	Course Cost	\$80.00
	Certificate II Sport and Recreation - Year 11	C2SR-A	Course Cost First Aid Certificate	\$80.00 *\$25.00 Total \$105.00
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES HASS	Geography General - Year 11	GEGEO	Course Cost	\$40.00
	Geography ATAR Year 11	AEGEO	Course Cost Camp/Excursion	\$50.00 *\$250.00 Total \$300.00
	Modern History General - Year 11	GEHIM	Course Cost	\$50.00
	Modern History ATAR Year 11	AEHIM	Course Cost	\$50.00
	Certificate II Tourism Year 11	C2TOU-A	Course Cost	\$20.00

Learning Area	Course of Study	Code	Cost Description	Cost
*Associated estimated costs				
MATHEMATICS	Foundations Year 11	FEMAT	Course Cost	\$30.00
	Essential Year 11	GEMAE	Course Cost	\$30.00
	Applications Year 11	AEMAA	Course Cost	\$35.00
	Methods Year 11	AEMAM	Course Cost	\$50.00
	Specialist Year 11	AEMAS	Course Cost	\$70.00
PERFORMING ARTS	Dance General - Year 11	GEDAN	Course Cost	\$90.00
	Music Western Art ATAR - Year 11	AEMUSW	Course Cost	\$65.00
SCIENCE	Human Biology General - Year 11	GEHBY	Course Cost	\$65.00
	Human Biology ATAR - Year 11	AEHBY	Course Cost	\$65.00
	Physics ATAR Year 11	AEPHY	Course Cost	\$60.00
	Chemistry ATAR Year 11	AECHE	Course Cost	\$70.00
	Biology ATAR Year 11	AEBLY	Course Cost	\$65.00
	Marine & Maritime General - Year 11	GEMMS	Course Cost	\$135.00

Learning Area	Course of Study	Code	Cost Description	Cost	
*Associated estimated costs					
SEN	ASDAN Specialised Courses	ASDAN	Course Cost per Unit	\$40.00	
SKILLING THROUGH ENTERPRISE PROGRAM - STEP	English General	GEENG S	Course Cost	\$40.00	
	Mathematics General	GEMAE S	Course Cost	\$30.00	
	Career & Enterprise	G2CAE S	Course Cost	\$30.00	
	Workplace Learning	ADWPL S	Course Cost White Card	\$100.00 *\$75.00 Total \$175.00	
	Building & Construction General	GEBGN S	Course Cost	\$180.00	
	Certificate II Building & Construction Maintenance	C2EN S C2BC S	White Card Senior First Aid	*\$75.00 *25.00 Total \$100.00	
STUDENT SUPPORT	Events/Excursions		Participating Students - Rewards/Events/Excursions	*\$5.00 to *\$200.00	
	Spring Dance		Participating Students - Entrance Ticket	*\$25.00	
	Yearbook		Participating Students	*\$25.00	
TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE	BUSINESS & COMPUTING	Business Management General - Year 11	GEBME	Course Cost	\$45.00
		Applied Information Technology General Year 11	GEAIT	Course Cost	\$30.00
		Applied Information Technology ATAR Year 11	AEAIT	Course Cost	\$50.00
		Cert II Information, Digital Media & Technology - Year 11	C2IT-A	Course Cost	\$50.00
		Cert II Business Year 11	C2BUS-A	Course Cost	\$55.00
	HOME ECONOMICS	Children, Family, Community: Caring for Others General Year 11	GECFC	Course Cost	\$85.00
		Food Science Hospitality General - Year 11	GEFST	Course Cost	\$135.00

Learning Area	Course of Study	Code	Cost Description	Cost
*Associated estimated costs				
TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE	Automotive Engineering General - Year 11	GEAET	Course Cost	\$95.00
	Building & Construction General - Year 11	GEBGN	Course Cost	\$150.00
	Materials: Metals General Year 11	GEMDTM	Course Cost	\$200.00
	Materials: Wood General - Year 11	GEMDTW	Course Cost	\$180.00
	Cert II Visual Arts Jewellery - Year 11	C2JEW-A	Course Cost	\$190.00
	Cert II Engineering Year 11	C2EN-A	Course Cost	\$200.00
	Certificate II Fishing Operations Year 11	C2FOP-A	Course Cost Recreational Skippers Ticket Senior First Aid	\$130.00 *\$25.00 *\$25.00 Total \$180.00
VET	White Card Training		Cost per participating student	*\$75.00
	Senior First Aid		Cost per participating student	*\$25.00
	Workplace Learning	ADWPL	Course Cost	\$100.00
	Career & Enterprise	G2CAE	Course Cost	\$30.00
VISUAL ARTS	Design Graphics General - Year 11	GEDESG	Course Cost	\$100.00
	Design Photography General - Year 11	GEDESP	Course Cost	\$95.00
	Visual Arts General Year 11	GEVAR	Course Cost	\$160.00
	Visual Arts ATAR Year 11	AEVAR	Course Cost	\$130.00
	Certificate II Visual Arts Design - Year 11	C2VA-A	Course Cost	\$100.00
WARLUGURRA WALGAMANYULU	English Foundation Year 11	FEELD W	Course Cost	\$40.00
	Mathematics Foundation Year 11	FEMAT W	Course Cost	\$30.00
	Aboriginal Languages: Wajarri General Year 12	GEABL W	Course Cost	\$75.00
	Health, Physical & Outdoor Education Foundation - Year 12	FEHPO W	Course Cost	\$75.00
	Cert I Skills for Work Year 11	C1SWW-A	Course Cost	\$60.00
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 2018, students will be offered the opportunity to travel to Vietnam for a 10 day excursion. Participation is optional.			*\$2900.00