

Charges and Associated Costs

Year 12 2019



GERALDTON
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



2019 Compulsory Charges

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We hope to improve awareness of the school's compulsory charges structure by including the 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 Finance Committee and School 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 Geraldton SHS. 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 consumables for that course. Parents who are unable to meet these costs by the end of Term 1, 2019 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 High School.

Greg Kelly
Principal

How paying course charges affects the School

Financial support provided by parents has always played a significant role in enhancing a schools' capacity to add value to students' learning experiences. 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 school 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 12 April 2019 or have entered into an agreed payment plan with the School. 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 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.

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 school 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 school has three 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 Parent Contributions was 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 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: 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.

2019 Secondary Assistance Scheme

Applications close **Friday 12 April 2019**

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/caregiver 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 **4 February 2019**
- Applications closing Friday **12 April 2019**

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 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 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 and Construction	C2BC	White Card	+\$95.00	
			Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)	+\$35.00	
			Total	\$130.00	
ENGLISH	Foundation	FTENG	Course Cost	\$35.00	
	General	GTENG	Course Cost	\$40.00	
	ATAR	ATENG	Course Cost	\$40.00	
GIGAMAN GAWALA	English - Foundation	FTELD G	Course Cost	\$35.00	
	Mathematics - Foundation	FTMAT G	Course Cost	\$35.00	
	Health, Physical and Outdoor Education Foundation	FTHPO G	Course Cost	\$75.00	
	Certificate II Skills for Work	C2SW-B	Course Cost	\$75.00	
	Certificate II Sport and Recreation	C2SRG-B	Course Cost Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)	\$80.00 +\$35.00 Total	\$115.00
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Outdoor Education General	GTOED	Course Cost Camp/Excursion	\$100.00 +\$60.00 Total	\$160.00
	Certificate II Outdoor Recreation	C2OR-B	Course Cost Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)	\$105.00 +\$35.00 Total	\$140.00
	Physical Education - General	GTPES	Course Cost	\$60.00	
	Physical Education Studies - ATAR	ATPES	Course Cost	\$80.00	
	Certificate II Sport and Recreation	C2SR-B	Course Cost Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)	\$80.00 +\$35.00 Total	\$115.00

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HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES - HASS	Geography – General	GTGEO	Course Cost	\$40.00	
	Geography - ATAR	ATGEO	Course Cost Camp/Excursion Total	\$50.00 *\$250.00 \$300.00	
	Modern History – General	GTHIM	Course Cost	\$50.00	
	Modern History - ATAR	ATHIM	Course Cost	\$70.00	
	Certificate II Tourism	C2TOU-B	Course Cost	\$40.00	
MATHEMATICS	Foundations	FTMAT	Course Cost	\$35.00	
	Essential	GTMAE	Course Cost	\$35.00	
	Application	ATMAA	Course Cost	\$35.00	
	Methods	ATMAM	Course Cost	\$50.00	
	Specialist	ATMAS	Course Cost	\$50.00	
ARTS	PERFORMING ARTS	Drama – General	GTDRA	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Dance - General	GTDAN	Course Cost	\$90.00
		Contemporary Music – General	GTMUS	Course Cost	\$100.00
		Western Art Music - ATAR	ATMUSW	Course Cost	\$65.00
	VISUAL ARTS	Design Graphics - General	GTDESG	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Design Photography - General	GTDESP	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Design Photography - ATAR	ATDESP	Course Cost	\$150.00
		Visual Arts - General	GTVAR	Course Cost	\$130.00
		Visual Arts - ATAR	ATVAR	Course Cost	\$130.00
		Certificate II Visual Arts Design	C2VA-B	Course Cost	\$100.00

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SCIENCE	Biology - ATAR	ATBLY	Course Cost	\$65.00
	Human Biology - General	GTHBY	Course Cost	\$65.00
	Human Biology - ATAR	ATHBY	Course Cost	\$65.00
	Physics - ATAR	ATPHY	Course Cost	\$65.00
	Chemistry - ATAR	ATCHE	Course Cost	\$70.00
	Certificate II Sampling and Measurement	C2SM-B	Course Cost	\$53.00
	Marine and Maritime Science - General	GTMMS	Course Cost RST Application	\$145.00 +\$50.00 Total \$195.00
SEN	ASDAN – Cooking	ASDANC	Course Cost	\$70.00
	ASDAN – Sport & Leisure	ASDANS&R	Course Cost	\$50.00
	ASDAN - Other	ASDAN1	Course Cost	\$40.00
STUDENT SERVICES	Events		Cost per participating student Rewards/Events	*\$5.00 to *\$200.00
	Graduation		Cost per participating student Valedictory Tickets Graduation Lunch	*\$10.00 *\$25.00
	College Ball		Cost per participating student	*\$60.00
	Leavers Jacket		Cost per participating student	*\$130.00
	Yearbook		Cost per participating student	*\$25.00
WARLUGURRA WALGAMANYULU	English Foundation	FTELD W	Course Cost	\$35.00
	Mathematics Foundation	FTMAT W	Course Cost	\$35.00
	Design Photography – General	GTDESP	Course Cost	\$95.00
	Visual Arts - General	GTVAR	Course Cost	\$130.00
	Health, Physical and Outdoor Education Foundation	FTHPO W	Course Cost	\$75.00
	Certificate II Skills for Work	C2SWW-B	Course Cost	\$60.00

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TECHNOLOGIES	BUSINESS AND COMPUTING	Applied Information Technology - General	GTAIT	Course Cost	\$30.00
		Applied Information Technology - ATAR	ATAIT	Course Cost	\$50.00
		Business Management and Enterprise – General	GTBME	Course Cost	\$45.00
		Certificate II Information, Digital Media and Technology	C2IT-B	Course Cost	\$50.00
		Certificate II Business	C2BUS-B	Course Cost	\$60.00
	HOME ECONOMICS	Children, Family and the Community: Caring for Others - General	GTCFC	Course Cost	\$85.00
		Food Science and Technology - General	GTFST	Course Cost	\$135.00
	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Automotive Engineering and Technology - General	GTAET	Course Cost	\$95.00
		Building and Construction - General	GTBCN	Course Cost	\$150.00
		Materials Design and Technology: Metals - General	GTMDTM	Course Cost	\$180.00
		Materials Design and Technology: Wood - General	GTMDTW	Course Cost	\$180.00
		Certificate II Visual Arts Jewellery	C2JEW-B	Course Cost	\$180.00
		Certificate II Engineering Pathways	C2EN-B	Course Cost	\$180.00
	VET	White Card Training		Cost per participating student	*\$95.00
		Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)		Cost per participating student	*\$35.00
Workplace Learning		ADWPL	Course Cost	\$100.00	
OPTIONAL EXTRAS	Your child may be invited to participate in a camp, excursion, competition, extracurricular activity and/or require additional items for a special project.			*\$5.00 to *\$900.00	
	In 2019, students will be offered the opportunity to travel interstate or internationally for school camps. Participation by students is optional.			*\$2000 to *\$3500	