



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

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Parent Information Letter - College Charges

October, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 provides that instruction in the standard curriculum program is delivered free to all students in Victorian Government Schools; this is referred to as “free instruction”. The Act also allows School Councils to charge fees for goods and services to support the delivery of free instruction.

Each year the School Council reviews the costs in providing free instruction and for the 2013 school year has ratified the charges as per the attached table.

EXPLANATION OF FEES

Expected Charges

Annual Locker Rental – cost charged to all students for use of College lockers provided to students to house their personal belongings.

Refundable Bond – Borrowing of College Laptop – once off charge to students who access a College provided Laptop from the library. Bond is refunded when student exits the College and the laptop is returned in fair and reasonable condition.

Resource Hire Fee (annual charge) – cost charged to all students for use of College Resources via the Library/Resources centre. Resources include library books/DVD’s and cameras etc.

Contribution to IT Infrastructure (annual charge) – cost charged to all students to utilise the College’s IT infrastructure. The College incurs substantial costs each year to ensure that the latest IT Hardware is available to students.

Student Planner – cost charged to all students for providing a student planner

Hot Maths Licence Fee – cost charged to all students for accessing the Hot Maths program provided by a third party. This replaces the need for a maths textbook.

School Magazine – a school magazine will be produced and will be advertised for sale for \$15.00.

Student Portfolio – cost charged to all Year 7 students for providing a display folder to store reports, awards, etc.

Food Classes per term – cost charged to Year 7 students for food consumables used during a term of food classes.

Electives

As outlined in the Student Handbook – please contact College Business Manager if clarification is required.

General Contribution Levy

Voluntary contribution paid by parents to assist the College in providing goods and services to students where no Department of Education Funding is provided. Examples of such costs are subsidising the canteen at both campuses, utilising college vehicles to transport students and purchasing of equipment such as chairs and tables.

FELLTIMBER CAMPUS

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PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLEGE CHARGES

Depending on the individual financial circumstances of each family, the College charges can be paid by the following:

Recipients of Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

For parents wishing to use their EMA for purchasing Book Packs and College Charges, it is essential that you complete your child's booklist and submit it to the College by **Monday, 10 December 2012**.

The completed EMA Application form and your Health Care Card, should be brought to the College on the Bookpack days being **Wednesday 23 January 2013 and Thursday 24 January 2014**.

School Kids Bonus

Eligible parents can utilise their Schoolkids bonus to pay for College charges. Please contact the College Business Manager for further information.

Direct Payments

Parents can pay the College charges in cash, by EFTPOS or credit card.

We also encourage parents to continue to use BPAY as a convenient way of paying College charges. Your individual BPAY code is located in the bottom left hand corner of the family statement. Please contact the College via email or phone for specific instructions regarding the allocation of BPAY payments

At the end of each term the College will post out to each family, a Statement of Account which will show any outstanding charges or credits owing. If parents are having difficulties in paying their College account we strongly suggest that they contact the College Business Manager to discuss payment arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Injuries and Insurance

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The College strongly suggests that you purchase individual insurance cover through the provider of your choice.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Student Property Insurance

The College does not carry insurance on personal items lost or stolen from the College except for those students who have arranged insurance for their Laptops through the College. Parents should ensure that they have appropriate insurance policies to cover these items at home and at school.

Yours faithfully,



Sharyn Ryan
College Council President



Russell Polson
College Principal



Scott Walters
College Business Manager

Item Description	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	FFCS Yr 3-5	FFCS Yr 6-9
<u>Expected Charges</u>					
Annual Locker Rental	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		\$20.00
Refundable Bond - Borrowing of College Laptop	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Resources Hire Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$50.00
Contribution to IT Infrastructure	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	TBA	\$50.00
Student Planner	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00		\$15.00
Hot Maths Licence Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
Spellodrome Licence Fee				\$15.00	TBA
Portfolio	\$5.00				
Food Classes (per term)	\$50.00				
<u>Electives</u>					
Food Classes (per Semester)		\$100.00	\$100.00		
School Camps		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Health & PE Lifelong Recreation			\$70.00		
Outdoor Education - Semester 1			\$175.00		
- Semester 2			\$225.00		
Photography (per semester)			\$30.00		
Studio Arts (per semester)			\$20.00		
Duke of Edinburgh - Year 9 membership					\$105.00
Compass - Year 8 Membership					\$70.00
General Contribution Levy (Voluntary)					
- Payments can be made in full, per semester or per term					
- 1st Child \$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
- 2nd child+ \$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Donations to College Building Trust (optional)					
- Student only	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
- Family	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00