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## CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES EXPLAINED

We appreciate every family's financial contribution to the cost of schooling their child with proceeds enriching and improving the curriculum and opportunities for our students.

Families are advised by December each year as to the maximum costs that *could* be applied for the following year. Contributions are applied to Year 7 to 10 students and are legislated to a maximum of \$235 per year however compulsory charges are dependent on the actual cost of the student's chosen elective's or Specialist courses such as Performing Arts or AFL.

**Year 7 – 10:** Voluntary Contributions are directly applied to each learning area to support your child's education by enabling the school to purchase extra materials, services and resources that are used daily in the classroom. At \$235 per year, this works out to less than \$6 per week or \$58.78 per term.

**Year 7 -10:** Extra Cost Options (charges) are applied for optional activities such as excursions/incursions, after school activities, competitions, camps, reward activities, smartrider card, Specialist subject events and performances. These are only incurred should your child participate in the activity. Please also note that some subjects in Year 7 – 10 attract a subject charge, Visual Arts courses, Food Specialization, D&T subjects in Woodwork or Metalwork and the like. For Specialist courses in Performing Arts or AFL we request a 50% non-refundable deposit prior to the year of commencement. It depends on what elective course is chosen as to what costs may apply. We try to keep costs to an absolute minimum, to maintain maximum value for money for our families. This cost is compulsory once the student commences.

**Year 11 and 12:** Compulsory subject charges (extra cost option) are applied based on your child's selected subjects for year 11 and 12. Again we try to keep costs to an absolute minimum, to maintain maximum value for money for our families.

**VET Students:** for those students participating in certificate courses delivered by an outside provider, the cost of this course is required to be met prior to the course commencement. Other Certificate courses should be paid before the end of Semester one to assist in facilitating the resourcing of the course for all students. The cost of all VET courses are compulsory once the student commences.

### Voluntary Approved Requests and Other Optional Costs

- App technology – providing state of the art equipment such as 3D printers, high specification computer laboratories and robotics
- Parents and Citizens (P&C) Contribution – the P&C donate funds to the school to supplement funding or purchase additional equipment. We are very grateful to our P&C who support our ongoing Breakfast Club, Yr 12 Presentation Night and donate Uniform Awards.
- Library – improvements in the Library space, including furniture, automation and resources.
- Chaplain – supporting our full time Chaplain program
- School Bus – supporting our school Bus used on Excursions saving parents money