



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES 2024

Year 7 & Year 8

Dear Parents/Carers

The Education Act 1999 requires schools to notify parents/carers of the schedule of Contributions and Charges for the following year. The Dongara District High School Board has endorsed our schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2024 in accordance with the Department of Education Contributions, Charges and Fees Manual, October 2017. This schedule is designed to provide you with information about anticipated costs that may occur throughout the coming school year and allow you time for forward planning of the likely outlays. The schedule is made up of the following four areas:

1. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS - \$235.00 (per Student)

This contribution represents an important revenue source and supplements school expenditure in the areas listed over the page. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of our learning programs will be maximised when all families contribute. The funds are used towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by students in the educational program. e.g.: photocopying, teaching resources and materials, student consumables, materials and sports equipment. Payments can be made direct to the school or via EFT (after receiving the first statement of the year).

2. CHARGES FOR EXTRA COST OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (see page 2 & 3 for details)

Students will engage in a variety of activities associated with educational programs for which charges will be incurred. The Schedule of Charges section is outlined over the page. We encourage parents to make contact with the Principal or Manager Corporate Services should "upfront" payment be difficult. Any balance remaining will be carried over to the following year.

3. PERSONAL ITEMS (REQUIREMENTS) LIST (see Personal Items List)

All students require Personal Items for their 2024 year level. Students will need these items for personal use in order to complete the educational programs provided by this school. Most items are available locally; however items may be purchased from any stationery supplier of your choice.

4. P&C MEMBERSHIP - \$1.00; and P&C CONTRIBUTION - \$ 15.00 (per Family)

Dongara DHS P&C is a vital organisation that encourages the participation of all parents in a variety of fundraising activities. The School Board and P&C seek this contribution, and also encourage parents to be involved in fundraising ventures aimed at supplementing our quality learning programs and achieving annual targets for resources and grounds improvements.

5. LIBRARY FUND - \$8.00 (per Student)

This contribution assists in the resourcing of educational and reference books to assist students in their curriculum program. These books are selected according to the School needs and are specific to the curriculum program.

6. CHAPLAINCY FUND - \$ 8.00 (per Family)

The Chaplain's role is to serve the School by encouraging, motivating and inspiring young people to be the best that they can, and to help them through issues that may threaten their potential. The School would appreciate if you could donate to the Chaplaincy as this will assist in maintaining this valuable service to the students.

Statements detailing relevant charges and contributions will be issued at the beginning of Term 1. If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9927 7200 or via email at dongara.dhs@education.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

Janine Calver
PRINCIPAL
24 November 2023

1. **CONTRIBUTIONS** – Contributions from parents will supplement school funds to provide quality educational programs. These funds enhance our school’s resources in the following areas:
2. **CHARGES FOR EXTRA COST OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES – Important Notes (please read carefully):**
 - Upfront payment is required. If personal circumstances result in payment difficulties, please contact the Principal or Manager Corporate Services to make alternative arrangements, or email dongara.dhs.accounts@education.wa.edu.au
 - The charges may vary depending on the nature and range of activities undertaken. The estimated costs indicated represent the **maximum** amounts that a parent/carer should anticipate being charged throughout the coming school year. Very few students, if any, participate in the full range of activities available.
 - The charges outlined above will enable students to achieve the relevant learning outcomes for each area. In The Arts, Home Economics and Design & Technology areas, students/parents may negotiate with staff to complete a project that incurs materials costs beyond what is covered by the allocation shown above. Where this occurs, additional charges may be applied.
 - Statements detailing the relevant contributions and charges will be issued at the beginning of Term 1. Unpaid billing items will be issued each Term until paid in full. Any balance remaining will be carried over to the following year. When a Student transfer to another school, arrangements will be made to forward a pro-rata portion of their voluntary contributions and charges to their new school. Alternatively, a refund will be arranged.
 - As approved by the School Board, the table below summaries the anticipated **maximum** cost of activities for each Year Group. You will be advised and asked to make payment for the activity as it approaches:

Secondary Assistance Scheme Public Schools 2024 Eligibility Criteria: *If you hold a valid card, for a period of no less than 4 weeks and current between 31 January to 28th March 2024, Services Australia (Centrelink) Family Health Care Card (green), Pensioner Concession Card (red) or Department of Veteran Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (blue) you are eligible to make an application for the Secondary Assistance Scheme that provides for an Educational Program Allowance (\$235) and a Clothing Allowance (\$115). Students must be enrolled in Years 7 to 12 and studying a full-time secondary course. The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age. Applications close 28th March 2024. Please contact the School Office for an application form.*

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS (All Students study all Subjects in Semester 1 & 2)		
Learning Area	Subject	Cost
Photocopying	Photocopying	\$10
English	English	\$20
Technologies	Design & Technology	\$25
	Digital Technologies	\$5
	Home Economics	\$25
HASS	HASS	\$20
Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education	\$25
	Personal & Career Development	
Mathematics	Mathematics	\$20
Science	Science	\$20
STEM	STEM	\$10
Visual Art	Visual Art	\$20
Lote	Lote	\$5
Compulsory Subject Sub-Total		\$205

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS (All Students study 1 Elective per Semester)		
Semester 1	Performing Arts - Dance	\$15
	Performing Arts - Drama	\$15
Semester 2	From Patch to Plate	\$15
	Indonesian	\$15
	Specialised Basketball	\$15
	Robotics	\$15
Electives Subject Sub-Total		\$30
Contribution (Compulsory + Electives) Total		\$235

CHARGES FOR EXTRA COST OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	CHARGE
Performances & Workshops (4-5 activities per year)	\$25
Incursions, Excursions & Activities (4-6 activities per year)	\$40
Secondary Camp – Years 7-12	\$500
THE FOLLOWING CHARGES APPLY ONLY TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE SPECIFIC PROGRAM/ACTIVITY:	
Dance Productions (travel, performance materials, accommodation, meals)	\$400
Subject Competitions & Workshops (English, Mathematics, Young Writers Day, etc.)	\$150
Sport Competitions (interschool swimming, athletics, etc.)	\$200
Country Week - Year 7-10 Students are given opportunity to compete against other country schools in Perth during the last week of Term 3	\$550
ASDAN – For Students with Special Needs (module books, portfolios, certificates, etc.)	\$50
VOLUNTARY REQUESTS	
4. P & C Membership & Contribution (<i>per Family</i>)	\$16
5. Library Fund (<i>per Student</i>)	\$8
6. Chaplaincy Fund (<i>per Family</i>)	\$8
MAXIMUM ANTICIPATED CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES 2024	\$2182