



**GERALDTON**  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



**Years 7-10**  
**Contributions and**  
**Associated Costs**  
**2026**



## 2026 Voluntary Contributions

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We hope to improve awareness of the school voluntary contributions and associated costs structure by including 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 for all students. All costs outlined in this booklet are approved by the school's Finance Committee and Board in accordance with the School Education Act 1999. The booklet also outlines the assistance that is available to parents and caregivers and the eligibility requirements that enable you to access this assistance.

Parents and caregivers will receive a statement of contributions for each child enrolled at Geraldton Senior High School. Schools rely heavily on those meeting their commitment in respect to these contributions. Our capacity to continue to provide students with the consumables they need that enable us to present a quality curriculum is directly affected by your commitment to meeting these payments. Some optional activities may have a charge attached based on the cost of participation.

Those who are unable to meet the commitment of paying the voluntary contributions by the end of Term 1 - 2026 are encouraged to contact the Finance Officer on 9965 8407 to enter into an agreed payment plan.

Thank you for your ongoing support in the education of your child at Geraldton Senior High School.

*Karena Shearing*

Principal



## How paying Voluntary Contributions affects the School

Financial support provided by parents and caregivers 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 and caregivers is vital in ensuring that all students receive a level of education that meets the requirements of the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline.

Voluntary contributions are at a set rate in Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 of \$235.00 per student. These funds go towards funding educational activities in the classroom. This may include sporting equipment for Physical Education, resources to conduct experiments in Science, class sets of text books in English and Maths, local excursions by a bus owned by the school in Humanities and Social Sciences and resources to create engaged learning in a variety of option courses offered.

The voluntary assistance request of \$70.00 per student is an optional contribution towards designated funds and projects at the school, which include bus subsidies, technology enhancements, the chaplaincy program, library resources, and the Parents & Citizens Association.

**For families with children in Year 7, 8, 9 & 10, we ask that contributions are paid in full by Thursday 02 April 2026 or alternatively enter into an agreed payment plan with the school. This enables staff to use the funds for your child throughout the year.**

## Accepted Methods of Payment

Payments can be made at the schools' administration between 8.30am and 3.30pm 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: 633 000  
Account No: 165 575 135  
Reference: Student's full name or Student ID number

## 2026 Secondary Assistance Scheme

Applications close : Thursday **02 April 2026**

### 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 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 02 February 2026**
- Applications closing **Thursday 02 April 2026**



## Schedule of Contributions

Total requested school fee contribution for 2026 - \$305.00

### VOLUNTARY APPROVED CONTRIBUTIONS

Additional charges for optional extra activities which address broad learning outcomes may be offered to students (e.g. 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 and caregivers with an estimated maximum cost to enable them to budget for the year ahead. This information is provided with this booklet for your convenience.

## **\$235.00 Voluntary Contributions – Year 7 - 10**

Voluntary contribution to be distributed across all departments to help purchase in-class resources for students to use. This could include photocopying, class copies of textbooks and sporting equipment for Physical Education.

### **\$235.00**

\$30.00 English

\$30.00 Mathematics

\$30.00 Science

\$30.00 HASS

\$20.00 Physical Education

\$5.00 Health

\$90.00 ( \$15.00 each per electives )

### VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Set out below is an explanation of the voluntary requests which appear on your child's statement of charges.

When an activity is planned, and the student chooses to participate, parents and caregivers 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 not participating.

**\$70.00 Voluntary Approved Request – Year 7 - 10**

Requests for voluntary assistance from all year levels contribute to the school's ability to provide Chaplains for students and families; replace the school bus for use by all students during excursions, increase the availability of technology in classrooms, and better equip the P&C to minimize the need for additional fundraising.

When your child enters Year 11 and 12 charges are **compulsory**.

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 purchases 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 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 stakeholders 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.

**OPTIONAL EXTRA'S - Activities and Project Fees – All year levels**

<p>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 - <b>\$5.00 to \$900.00</b></p> <p>Students may be offered the opportunity to travel Intrastate, Interstate or Internationally for school camps. Participation by students is optional - <b>\$2000.00 to \$3500.00</b></p>	
<b>\$20.00</b>	- APEX Academic Program of Excellence - Year 7, 8, 9 and 10
<b>\$65.00</b>	- White Card - Year 10 - ( VIP–Vocational Individualised Program )
<b>\$125.00</b>	- Instrumental Music Instrument Hire - Year 7, 8, 9 and 10
<b>\$100.00</b>	- <b>School Combined Band Shirt</b> - Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 ( maximum cost )
<p>When your child enters Year 11 and 12 charges are <b>compulsory</b>.</p>	

**TAX INVOICE AND STATEMENT SUMMARY**

You will receive a statement that reflects the costs associated with your child’s proposed learning program.

**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 8407 to discuss payment options. To check if you are eligible for the Secondary Assistance Scheme, please refer to page 3 of this booklet.

Paying parents and caregivers expect NOT to subsidise non-paying parents and caregivers. The school will actively pursue the collection of voluntary contributions; this is strongly supported by the School Board.





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