

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Contributions and Charges

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 \$235.00 per year however compulsory charges are dependent on the actual cost and the student's participation.

What is a voluntary contribution?

High school voluntary contribution is charged for year 7-10 only. It is a maximum of \$235 per year per student and goes directly into classrooms to purchase extra resources for student to use, thus enriching the education your child receives. We use the contribution for Items such as fiction and non-fiction books, photocopied materials, materials for art and craft, design and technology, home economics and science. This also assists us to keep the cost of student Personal Items Lists (Booklists) down to a minimum and providing more savings for our families. Contributions received are highly valued by the school and directly supports the high end education students receive at Duncraig Senior High School.

What do I get for \$235?

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What does a subject charge pay for?

Subject charges are for options (electives) in year 9 and 10 and all subjects in year 11 and 12. In these years of schooling, student programs utilise much more by way of materials, subscription, guest speakers and equipment. The subject charge goes directly into the classrooms enabling teaching staff to purchase all of the required materials and consumables for your child to use.

What does the \$100 Technology Voluntary Approved Request (VAR) pay for?

The Technology VAR helps the school immensely. The VAR helps to supplement the major expense of:

- Maintain some 400 computers, student loan laptops, high specification specialist media computers.
- Each student in year 7-10 (that's over 1200!) have access 24/7 to online text for Maths, English, HASS and Science.
- The majority of classrooms have Vivi units installed allowing collaboration between teachers and students.
- Our students have access to a wide variety of online tools such as SEQTA, Literacy Planet and TV4Ed.

What will excursions cost?

As part of our excursion planning process, comprehensive quotes are received from the suppliers and the costs directly passed onto the student. We do not make any profit and maintain value for money for our families. If we deem the costs too high, we search for an alternative that will provide the same educational outcomes.

My child has changed options, can I get a refund?

Should the new option (elective) be cheaper than the previous unit, you may request a refund. Alternatively, you may wish to apply the payment to future excursions, electives etc, or transfer it to a sibling. The amount available be we dependent upon the progress of the school year as we may have committed the funds to purchase resources or pay outside providers.

My child was sick when the excursion was on, can I get a refund?

If your child was unwell or didn't attend school on the day of an excursion or paid activity, we can provide a partial or full refund depending on what we have had to pay for up front.

We said our son would attend the camp however have changed our mind.

If your child changed their mind, was unwell or didn't attend the school camp, we can provide a partial or full refund depending on what we have had to pay for up front.

Please see our Contributions and Charges Explained document also.

Any further questions can be directed to our Corporate Services [Accounts Receivable](#) team.

