

Providing every student with a pathway to a successful future



**PIARA
WATERS**
Senior High School

2024 Contributions, Charges & Fees Handbook

Welcome from the Principal

This handbook serves as a comprehensive guide to the financial commitments associated with your child's education at Piara Waters Senior High School. As a school, we pride ourselves on providing a top-quality education and ensuring every student has a pathway to a successful future. This is made possible through various funding sources. We deeply appreciate payments from each family towards the cost of their child's schooling. Payment of voluntary contributions and charges play a pivotal role in supporting Piara Waters Senior High School, enabling us to enhance the overall learning experience for every student.



As a public school, Piara Waters Senior High School attracts a level of student-centred funding from the Department of Education. However, this funding is allocated towards the school's ongoing operational needs. These operational expenses include salaries of our highly qualified staff, and the provision of essential services such as electricity, water, and gas, ensuring a safe and conducive learning environment for all our students. Contributions and charges are payable from parents/guardians. These funds directly contribute to the availability of additional resources and state-of-the-art equipment in every classroom, further enriching the educational journey of each student.

It's important to note that all voluntary contributions, charges, and costs are endorsed by the Piara Waters Senior High School Board. They have been developed in accordance with the provisions outlined in the School Education Act 1999. The rates set for these contributions have been carefully determined to ensure the successful delivery of our comprehensive programs while simultaneously minimising the potential financial burden on our families.

We understand that fulfilling the school's financial commitments can sometimes present challenges. We want to assure you that we are here to support you every step of the way. Please feel free to reach out to our friendly Corporate Services team on 6174 2777, who will be more than happy to work with you and develop a personalised action plan that suits your individual circumstances.

Thank you for being a part of our esteemed community, and we look forward to partnering with you in providing an exceptional educational experience for your child at Piara Waters Senior High School.

Yours sincerely

Carol Daniels
Principal

Where do contribution and charges go?

Some examples include ingredients in home economics, transport, photographic equipment and supplies, art materials, timber, metals, consumable tools, external instructors, sporting equipment, textbooks etc.

How much can be charged?

For Years 7 to 10, the maximum voluntary contributions a school may charge is currently fixed at \$235. However additional compulsory charges above that figure can be requested for consumable and extra resources.

Who should pay?

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected contributions and charges, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. All would agree that it is unfair for those parents who meet their financial commitments to be seen to subsidise the education of those students whose parents do not pay their contributions and charges. This school is committed to an even-handed and responsible approach, meaning parents should make contributions towards their children's education

Payment Options

Parents/guardians can complete their payments through the various opportunities:

- **EFTPOS (credit card, debit card, AMEX) payment**
Available at school reception or over the telephone – 6174 2777



- **Bank Transfer**
BSB: 066 040
Account Number: 1990 6678
Bank: Commonwealth Bank IB Government Centre
Account: Piara Waters Senior High School
Reference: Student Name
- **Cash/cheque** – payable to school reception

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for holders of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Pensioner's Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The allowance consists of two components:

- **\$235.00 Education Program Allowance**
Paid directly to the school to support payment of voluntary contributions and charges.
- **\$115.00 Clothing Allowance**
Paid either to the parent/guardian or directly to the school to support parents/guardians in purchasing school uniform.

Applications must be made in-person at School Administration. You must present your card to complete the Secondary Assistance Scheme application. A new application must be made each year.

The concession card must:

- be valid for at least 4 weeks
- be valid for some time within Term 1 2024
- have the name of the student listed on it
- not be expired at the time of applying for SAS.



Centrelink Health Care Card



Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card



Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

Whole School – Voluntary Approved Requests & Personal Items

Voluntary Approved Requests:

Payment of Voluntary Approved Requests allow the school to invest in specialist services and materials to enrich the learning experience for all students. The school does not receive funding for these services through other means, meaning they are reliant on contributions from parents/guardians.

Information Resource Centre \$25.00

The Information Resource Centre will continue to grow as the school evolves. The IRC provides books, subscriptions to online reference sources, databases and encyclopaedias to our staff and student community. It works to enrich the teaching and learning program, preparing students for research-based future study pathways including University. On average, a contribution of \$25.00 will provide one book per person to our school's collection.

Digital Technologies & Software \$20.00

Digital Technologies are vital to prepare students for the future workforce and further study. Our school is dedicated to meeting this demand. Contributions from parents/guardians will allow us to continually maintain a contemporary whole school network, obtain site licenses for specialist software and provide technical support. An IT technician is engaged on a regular basis to assist teachers and students.

Pastoral Care & Student Wellbeing \$20.00

Our Student Wellbeing team, whilst in its infancy, provides a wide range of services. Contributing to our Pastoral Care team will dedicate funds towards our School Chaplain, arranging counselling, implementing lunch-time programs, coordinating special seminars for students, mentoring the Student Council, coaching sports teams, camps and excursions. The school receives a limited amount of funding from the National Government for payment of Chaplain salaries, however, contributions received from parents/guardians will allow us to enrich our pastoral care arrangements further to effectively support students.

School Bus Fund \$25.00

The convenience of a School Bus allows staff to provide a much more flexible and engaging learning program for students. Buses cost over \$200,000.00. This contribution will go towards establishing a bus fund, with the intent of purchasing a School Bus within the next seven years. This contribution will also subsidise the cost of using a bus company for excursions whilst the school does not have a bus.

Personal Items & Other Services:

Personal items and other services are provided to students on an as-needed basis. Access to the service, or provision of the personal item, is dependent on full payment being received by the school.

Component	Cost
Printing, photocopying and production credits	Up to \$20.00
Music Instrument Hire (IMSS Students)	Up to \$200.00
SmartRider	\$5.00 each
School Photos (paid directly to the supplier)	Various
Orientation Activities (Year 7)	\$10.00

Personal Items List

Personal items refer to stationery, tools, workbooks and textbooks that students are required to bring to school to support their education. We expect all students to look after their pencil cases, files, equipment and tools – taking them home each day and returned the following day. These items should be stored safely – e.g. in a protective school bag. The charge for personal use items will vary from student to student. The items can be purchased through our preferred supplier, Campion, or a supplier of your own choice. Please be aware that consumables might need to be replaced throughout the school year.

Copies of the personal items list are available on our school website.

School Uniform

School uniform promotes our public image and enhances a sense of belonging in all members of our school community. All students are expected to wear the school's uniform.

Example items (not the full school uniform)



Uniform Concepts is the school's uniform supplier. Please note that the uniform shop is independently operated, and is located at:

Uniform Concepts – Jandakot
26 Solomon Road
JANDAKOT WA 6164
08 9270 4650

Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm
Thursdays: 9am to 6pm
Saturdays: 9am to 1pm
(closed on Sundays and public holidays)

Uniforms can also be purchased online at www.nellgray.com.au. Laybys and click and collect services are also available.

Parent Owned Devices (POD) Program

The *Parent Owned Devices (POD)* Program refers to each student having their own personal device that they use at school and home. Having a 1:1 ratio allows every student to seamlessly transition between activities involving technology and traditional learning throughout the school day. Utilising technology in the classroom provides students with limitless possibilities to participate with content demonstrate their knowledge in engaging and interactive ways.

The POD Program will allow staff at Piara Waters SHS to effectively implement the requirements of the WA ICT General Capabilities and WA Digital Technology Curriculum into their teaching/learning programs, preparing students with the skills they require for the modern-day workforce and further study.

The POD Program is endorsed by our School Board. Students are expected to bring an **Apple MacBook Air** (or a device of the same specifications) as a tool to enhance and assist their learning. Considerable work has been completed by the Senior Leadership Team in selecting a device; prioritising low-cost to parents, long-term sustainability and flexibility across the full range of programs being offered at Piara Waters SHS. Students will also have access to Windows based technologies in their Digital Technologies classes; meaning they will have the opportunity to access the two main software systems used in the workforce.

More information regarding the MacBook Air POD program is available on our school website. *Winthrop Australia* is our preferred supplier of MacBook Air devices.

Year 7 Voluntary Contributions & Charges

Subject Contributions/Charges:

Payment of voluntary contributions goes towards the cost of materials, textbooks, services and equipment used by the students in the mandatory educational program. The payment of these costs will make a significant contribution to the quality of educational programs delivered. Payment of these costs is encouraged and appreciated.

		Voluntary Component
7MAT	7 Mathematics	\$25.00
7ENG	7 English	\$25.00
7SCI	7 Science	\$25.00
7HASS	7 Humanities & Social Sciences	\$25.00
7TFO	7 Technologies – Food Specialisation	\$30.00
7TDT	7 Technologies – Digital Technologies	\$15.00
7HE	7 Health Education	\$10.00
7PE	7 Physical Education	\$20.00
7AVA	7 Arts – Visual Arts	\$30.00
7APD	7 Arts – Performance – Dance/Drama	\$15.00
7LIN	7 Languages – Indonesian	\$15.00
Total:		\$235.00

Other Optional Costs:

The table below outlines the maximum additional costs payable for activities that may be run by our learning areas to supplement and enrich curriculum delivery. Participation in these activities is dependent on full payment being received, or a payment plan being enacted prior to the activity being run.

Learning Area	Additional Cost	Cost (up to)
Mathematics	Incursions/Excursions	\$30.00
English	Incursions/Excursions	\$30.00
Science	Incursions/Excursions	\$30.00
Humanities & Social Sciences	Incursions/Excursions	\$30.00
Arts & Technologies	Incursions/Excursions	\$30.00
Languages	Incursions/Excursions	\$20.00
Health & PE	Incursions/Excursions	\$50.00
Student Wellbeing	Team Building Events	\$15.00
	Student Council Leadership Excursion	\$20.00

Year 8 Voluntary Contributions & Charges

Subject Contributions/Charges:

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8MAT	8 Mathematics	\$25.00
8ENG	8 English	\$25.00
8SCI	8 Science	\$25.00
8HASS	8 Humanities & Social Sciences	\$25.00
8TFO	8 Technologies – Food Specialisation	\$30.00
8TDE	8 Technologies – Engineering Principles	
8TDT	8 Technologies – Digital Technologies	\$15.00
8HE	8 Health Education	\$15.00
8PE	8 Physical Education	\$20.00
8AVA	8 Arts – Visual Arts	\$25.00
8AMA	8 Arts – Media Arts	
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