



2017 FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Dalyellup College is an Independent Public School and therefore is bound by the School Education Act 1999 and the School Education Act Regulations 2000. The structure for voluntary contributions and charges remains the same as all public schools. Parents are reminded that voluntary contributions go towards the cost of materials, services and facilities that students will utilize.

The school community is appreciative of the financial support given by parents and guardians which enables staff to continue to offer quality educational programs, at the lowest possible cost to families. The school board approves and endorses the level of voluntary contributions, compulsory charges, extra cost optional components and voluntary approved requests.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The State Government, through the Department of Education, provides financial support to eligible parents through the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS). The aim of this scheme is to assist low income families with secondary schooling costs.

Please find below the different types of allowances that can be accessed:

- **EPA** – Education Programme Allowance: Eligible claimants will receive \$235 paid directly to the school.
- **Clothing Allowance**: \$115 payment to the parent/guardian or school.
- **Abstudy Allowance**: \$156 assistance for secondary school Aboriginal students. Parents should contact Centrelink on 132 317 for further information.
- **Abstudy Supplementary Allowance**: \$79 paid to the school. To be eligible, the school must have received \$156 Abstudy Allowance from Centrelink. Application forms are available from the school office.

In order to access the Secondary Assistance Scheme, parents or legal guardians must hold one of the following current cards:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card.
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card.
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Please note that applications must be submitted by **Friday 7 April 2017**.

Application forms and eligibility requirements are available from Student Services or the front office.



REFUND POLICY

The refund or transfer of charges and voluntary contributions will be completed in accordance with the Department's "Refunds of Charges and Voluntary Contributions in Secondary Schools" documentation.

The school board has endorsed a "No Refund" policy for payments, including deposits for camps, excursions and incursions, where costs are not recoverable by the school. In the event that a refund is negotiated, an EFT refund will be issued for amounts of \$30.00 and above. Amounts below \$30.00 will be credited to the student's account and used to offset other costs as directed by parents.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A broad range of scholarships are available to secondary students. Information regarding scholarships can be found on the Department of Education website: www.education.wa.edu.au/home/detcms/navigation/education/secondary-school/additional-learning-opportunities/scholarships/

- Accounts will be mailed to parents at the beginning of the year. Reminder statements will be mailed at least four times per year where payments have not been made by the due date. This will be followed up with phone calls where necessary. If accounts remain outstanding and no contact is received from families within the specified time, an interview will be required with the Manager Corporate Services or Principal to discuss the development of a payment plan.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to make contact with the school's Manager Corporate Services if they are experiencing difficulties paying voluntary contributions and charges by the due date. The Manager Corporate Services or Principal have the discretion to negotiate and recommend a payment arrangement that is suitable to both the family and the school. A payment arrangement, once established, will be expected to be adhered to.
- Where parents/guardians fail to respond to communication from the school and/or will not agree to a payment arrangement, a collection agency will be engaged to recover outstanding charges.

Please refer to the 2017 Voluntary Contributions and Charges Guide for further information.

