



HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SPENT

Voluntary Contributions in Years 7 to 10 and Compulsory Charges in Years 11 and 12 go towards the cost of curriculum based materials, services and facilities that students utilise within the classroom. Additional extra cost options and electives are student funded and require financial commitment from parent/caregivers. Voluntary Approved Requests are approved by the College Board and support valuable programs and projects that add to the learning experience of all students and the amenity of the College grounds.

The College strongly encourages all families to support the College by payment of the **Voluntary Approved Requests**. Information and examples are provided for parents and carers below.

ICT Support - \$45

Digital workspaces are an increasing part of all students' current and future learning environments. The importance of having resources universally available to students and teaching staff notwithstanding their location was evident during Covid-19 lockdowns.

Contributions support the College in providing diverse and new programs which are used in the classroom and at home. Examples are:

MATHSPACE

Mathspace is an online computer package used by students at the College and at home. Each student has their own username and password. The package is immensely useful for skills practice, course revision and general mathematics development. Year 7-12 mathematics courses have specifically chosen Mathspace activities designed to assist in student learning and skills consolidation. The activities are completed in class or can be set for homework.

STILE

The Science Department uses STILE (Student Teacher Interactive Learning Environment), a digital platform that focuses on scientific literacy. STILE is used both in our classrooms to enhance our lesson content and as homework lessons. Think of STILE as a combination of the science textbook, workbook, assessments, practicals, videos and simulations all interwoven and presented as an online teaching and learning experience.

SEQTA

SEQTA is an online learning management system used by teachers, students and parents/carers at John Forrest Secondary College. Teachers use SEQTA to develop learning programs, plan lessons, record marks, and communicate with students and parents. Using the interfaces SEQTA Learn (students) and SEQTA Engage (parents/carers), students and parents have access to a range of lesson, assessment and reporting information. In addition, SEQTA provides Direct Message access to teachers.



Student Planner - \$16

The Student Planner enables parents to be directly involved in their child's education and is an important communication method between teacher and parent. It provides a consistent whole college approach to enhance teaching and learning. Numerous resources are included in the planner such as weekly focuses, number skills, vocabulary builder etc. These will greatly assist students' progress academically, socially and personally. Many of the strategies are worked through at the College during form and class time and can then be reinforced at home. The Student Planner includes:

- A diary.
- Study plans.
- A timetable.
- Release from class notes.
- Pro forma absentee notes.
- Research and operational skills.
- Time management guidelines.
- Study techniques and approaches.

Chaplaincy - \$20

The Chaplaincy is a non denominational support service for students.

In 2010 Phil Glossop was welcomed as Chaplain at John Forrest. The role of the College Chaplain includes:

- Provision of individual support for students, staff and parents/carers.
- Participation in College programs and activities.
- Mentoring and assisting with the development of positive relationships within the College.
- Active participation as a member of the Student Services Team.
- Assisting with connections to outside agencies.
- Coordinates Breakfast Club for students.
- Facilitates the School Volunteer Program.
- School Bush Ranger Program leader.



Evidence from the many schools which currently have a school chaplain supports the view that students are likely to approach and speak more freely with a non teaching staff member such as a chaplain.

Phil Glossop is an integral member of John Forrest's Student Services Team assisting students to develop interpersonal skills, conflict resolution skills, team building skills and positive communication skills. Many parents have provided feedback about the value of having a chaplain at John Forrest.



Student Facilities - \$20

John Forrest Secondary College is committed to providing the best student facilities it can and is committed to maintaining and improving our mature peaceful grounds. The opening of the new buildings in 2022 will provide exciting new spaces for students to enjoy.

The Student Facilities Contribution has been crucial to maintaining and completing the following projects:

- The air conditioning of all classrooms.
- Provision of outdoor seating and outdoor fitness equipment.
- Provision of drink fountains and additional hand basins throughout the College.
- Upgrading Quads.
- New sound system in gymnasium.
- Shelter around the exam centre.

Year Book - \$25

Students love to look back on their school years and reminisce. Each year staff and students work towards providing a glossy full colour magazine comprising highlights and accomplishments of all our students.

The Year Book contribution covers the costs of producing and printing the 2023 Year Book.

College Buses - \$10

John Forrest runs many curriculum activities and excursions off site and these occur across all learning areas. Currently there are two college buses which are owned and maintained by the College.

The Bus Contribution supports the College with maintenance costs and to set aside sufficient funds for vehicle replacement when the time comes.

Library - \$20

Library Contributions are put to good use by helping to provide the most up to date and recent resources for our students.

Fiction and non fiction books and a variety of magazine subscriptions catering for interests in cars, music and sport as well as current affair magazines are just some of these resources.

In keeping with the on going changes in ways we source information, contributions also help to support online subscriptions.



Building Fund Contribution (Tax Deductible) - \$30

The Building Fund at John Forrest has been in place since 2008 and all donations are tax deductible.

Under the College Board, the Building Fund Management Committee is a parent based committee which oversees the use of the funds received and considers and agrees on suitable projects. The Committee's aim is to select projects within the requirements of Taxation Ruling TR 2013/2 that parents/carers believe will benefit students during their time at John Forrest.

The first project paid for by the Building Fund contributions was completed in 2011 when air conditioners were purchased and installed to provide cooling for the Gym. In 2012, funds were used to purchase cabinets for the student foyer to display students' work. In 2013 funds were used to purchase displays for the College Library, in 2014 building shade sails were purchased, in 2015 the Art and Year 8 Quads were upgraded and in 2016 funds were used to landscape around the carpark and the garden around the English buildings. 2017 saw funds spent on the Library and two demountables.

The fund will be an important resource for targeted projects at the conclusion of the expansive new build and refurbishment project which commenced in 2020.

P & C Association - \$30

The John Forrest Secondary College P & C is run by an executive committee consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer and five Committee Members. Family members and members of the community give up their time to be part of the P & C and their aim is to work in collaboration with staff and students to provide a positive learning environment.

The P & C help to foster cooperation between parents, teachers and members of the general community, assist in the provision of resources, facilities and amenities and help foster community interest in educational matters.

The P & C also has Sub Committees. One important sub committee is the Canteen which is responsible for the management of the highly valued College Canteen, reviewing the nutritional content of the Canteen Menu and keeping food costs to a minimum.

In addition to operating the Canteen to provide nutritious, affordably priced food for students, the P & C have contributed their expertise and funds towards air conditioning of a number of classrooms.



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