



## **Charges and Voluntary Contributions**

Voluntary contributions, compulsory charges and approved funding paid by parents/carers are used to purchase text books, materials and other resources used by students in their everyday classes. All contributions and charges assist in providing an educational program that meets the requirements of the Curriculum Framework and comply with the guidelines issued by the Department of Education and the School Education Act.

The College community is appreciative of the financial support given by parents/carers which enables staff to continue to offer quality educational programs.

The voluntary contribution requested:

- **Year 7-10** is \$235 excluding consumable and personal items. This will vary depending on the options chosen by students.
- **Years 11 and 12** charges are course based.

All charges are to be paid in full by Term 2.

Students enrolled in extra cost option courses (e.g. Cricket, Tennis, Netball and Music) are required to pay additional relevant charges in full prior to commencement of the course. Failure to do so will result in students being withdrawn from the course.

### **P&C Levy**

A voluntary annual P&C membership contribution of \$30 per family

### **Other Approved Contributions**

A breakdown of how your Contributions are spent refer to pages 3-4 of this document

### **Paying Your Account**

Payment of contributions and charges can be made any time between 8.00am-4.00pm, Monday to Friday in the administration office during school term in person, over the phone or by mail via **cash, cheque, credit card, BPoint** (log on to [www.Bpoint.com.au](http://www.Bpoint.com.au)) or **BPAY** (the Biller Code and Reference Number can be found on the Charges and Voluntary Contributions sheet) . Payments can also be made directly to the college bank account online (student's name to be included):

**Account Name:** John Forrest Secondary College

**Bank:** Commonwealth

**BSB:** 066-132

**Account Number:** 00900083

If you require a payment slip refer to page



### **Direct Debits**

We understand that some families may not be in a position to pay the full amount all at once. To accommodate this situation, the college can arrange a time payment plan and direct debits can be set up to take regular payments from a bank account, a credit or debit card or Centrelink Pension. Regular direct deposits can also be made to the college bank account (see account details above).

Please contact the Billing Officer (T: 9473 4017 / E: [johnforrest.sc@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:johnforrest.sc@education.wa.edu.au)) to arrange signed authorities to commence one of the above options.

Assistance to meet the cost of schooling is available to parents and students through a number of allowances. For more details about allowance refer to pages



# JOHN FORREST Secondary College

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

## HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SPENT



### Student Planner - \$15

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 school team 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 class time and can then be reinforced at home. The Student Planner also 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.

Tips on how best to make the best of this resource are available on the website [www.learningcurveplanner.com.au](http://www.learningcurveplanner.com.au).

### Student Facilities - \$20

John Forrest Secondary College is committed to providing the best student facilities it can and is committed to the beautification of the College grounds.

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

- The air conditioning of all classrooms.
- Beautification of the College grounds.
- Provision of outdoor seating.
- Provision of drink fountains throughout the College.
- Fencing of the tennis/basketball courts.
- Upgrading Quad for 2015 student intake.
- New sound system in Gymnasium.
- Upgraded Library.
- The air conditioning of the gym.

### 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 such as *World Book On Line*.

### 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.
- 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 often likely to approach and speak more freely with a non teaching staff member such as a chaplain. Many parents provide feedback about the value of having a person such as a chaplain to whom their child could go to discuss issues and concerns. The College chaplain is a critical member of John Forrest's Student Services Team.



### **Mathletics - \$20**

Mathletics is an online computer package used by students at the College and at home every day of the year. Each student has their own username and password which carries over from year to year. The package is immensely useful for skills practice, course revision and general mathematics development. Year 7-10 mathematics courses have specifically chosen Mathletics activities designed to assist in student learning and skills consolidation. The activities are completed in class or can be set for homework.

### **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. They 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 have contributed their expertise and funds towards:

- Operating the Canteen to provide nutritious, affordably priced food for students.
- The air conditioning of all classrooms.
- The provision of cooled water fountains.
- The Respect Each Other (REO) Program.

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

### **Building Fund Contribution (Tax Deductible) - \$30**

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

The Building Fund Management Committee is a parent based committee which oversees the use of the funds received and deliberates and agrees on suitable projects.

The Committee's aim is to select a project that parents/guardians believe students would benefit from in their time at John Forrest.

The first project paid for by the Building Fund contributions was completed in Term 1, 2011 when portable 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. Memorabilia from the Student Reunion is also currently displayed. In 2013 funds were used to purchase display ends for the College Library, in 2014 purchases of shade sails and six tables/seating were made and in 2015 the Art and Year 8 Quads were upgraded. In 2016 funds were used to landscape around the cottage carpark and the garden around the English demountable building. 2017 saw the funds spent on the landscaping around the library and two demountable buildings.

### **Year Book - \$20**

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

The Year Book contribution covers all costs of producing and printing this brochure.

### **Bus Replacement - \$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 Contribution for Bus Replacement assists in ensuring that there will be sufficient funds available for vehicle replacement when the time comes and the annual maintenance of the buses.