

Northam Senior High School

2024

Contributions and Charges



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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A COMMUNITY UNITED

Dear Parent/Carer,

2024 Student Contributions, Charges and Costs.

Please find enclosed the 2024 schedule of Contributions and Charges as endorsed by the School Board. It is important that course costs are paid in full as funds collected assist Northam Senior High School to continue to deliver a wide variety of learning programs for all students. All courses are supplemented by parent payments and your child directly benefits.

Student Contributions and Charges contribute solely to the cost of purchasing consumable items *used by students* in their studies as per the School Education Act 1999. Examples covered by these costs that support student learning include; photocopying, paper, materials, texts and consumable supplies for all subjects including; Science, Home Economics, The Arts, Photography and Design and Technology. The Government meets the cost of staff, teaching materials, special purpose programs, facilities, furniture and equipment, maintenance, security and school operations.

Contributions - The maximum set voluntary contribution for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 is \$235 per child. Contributions are used solely for students towards texts, materials, photocopying, activity supplies, etc.

Charges - Are applied for higher cost courses in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 to provide additional materials and supplies. These costs are **compulsory** and assist the school to continue to provide 'high cost optional subjects' to students.

Personal Items - It is important for students to have these items available every day at school to maximise their participation in class activities.

We strive to provide a high standard of instruction at Northam Senior High School and it is important that all contributions and charges are paid by parents. This enables your child to attend a well-resourced school with up to date facilities, services and opportunities.

I would like to thank you in advance for your prompt payment and support of our community school. A handy "Guide for Parents" is provided overleaf for your records and should you require further information or would like to discuss payment options please do not hesitate to contact the school on (08) 9621 6300.

Yours sincerely

Jodee Vause
Principal
21st September 2023

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Parent

Contributions go towards the cost of certain materials, services and facilities directly used or consumed by students. These contributions assist schools in the provision of textbooks or text materials

Contributions

The school can request a contribution of up to \$235 per student per year in Years 7 to 10.

This contribution is towards the cost of providing an educational program that meets the requirements of the WA curriculum. The contributions collected from parents/guardians are used towards providing materials, services and facilities directly used or consumed by students, including hire of textbooks or the provision of text material.

The School Board approves the level of contributions. The costs are detailed on the school contributions and charges list.

The contribution is voluntary but it is expected that all parents make the contribution.

Schools offer a range of payment options to assist parents. Please discuss this with the Business Manager.

For parents of secondary students who have a relevant concession card the contribution can be reduced by applying the Secondary Assistance Scheme in Term 1. This scheme provides payment towards the parent contribution as well as a clothing allowance. Application forms are available at the school during Term 1 and must be submitted during this term. Late applications are not accepted.

Where students elected to participate in extra cost optional components in Years 7-10 compulsory charges will apply. Charges apply to all Year 11 and 12 courses.

Charges

Charges apply to high cost options (called extra cost optional components) in Years 7 to 10 that are alternative to parts of the program covered by the contribution. Students can opt to select these courses.

Extra cost options are also specific activities, services or facilities that schools offer for students to use or take part in. Excursions such as camps, the school's yearbook and school social activities are examples. Students opt to take part in these activities or use the services or facilities.

The charge associated with the provision of these activities, services or facilities must be paid. The charge covers the cost of providing the services or running the activity.

The School Board approves the level of charge. The costs are detailed on the school contributions and charges list.

Charges apply to all Year 11 and 12 programs and must be paid.

Schools offer a range of payment options to assist parents. Please discuss this with the Business Manager.

For parents of secondary students who have a relevant concession card the contribution can be reduced by applying for the Secondary Assistance Scheme in Term 1. This scheme provides payment towards the parent contribution as well as a clothing allowance. Application forms are available at the school during Term 1 and must be submitted during this term. Late applications are not accepted.

Parents are also responsible for the provision of a student's personal items. Where students wish to make use of other optional services provided by the school they will be liable for the costs.

Other costs

Personal items

Personal items are for individual use.

The list is detailed and provided to parents with the school contributions and charges list. Items can be purchased from any supplier.

The School Board approves this list.

Other services

These are services or facilities which students use. Schools make provision for these on a cost-recovery basis. Examples include the provision of photocopying facilities and printing facilities for computer-generated assignments and internet downloads over and above that provided as part of course allocations.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS, CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS FOR STUDENT PERSONAL ITEMS – SOME EXAMPLES

Parent Costs

Contributions and charges

These payments go towards the costs of:

- Text books, workbooks and book hire
- Photocopy material
- Computer disks, tapes, usb's
- Materials in art and crafts, design and technology, home economic, science activities
- Library materials
- Cost of elective units for which there are high materials, services and facilities costs
- Excursion costs
- Camps
- Hire of specialist equipment or venues
- Entry to premises (e.g. swimming pool, theatre, cinema)
- Attendance or participation in visiting education activities (plays, science display)
- Hire of instruments

Each school will determine how the relevant costs are distributed between our contributions and charges pursuant to requirements of the *School Education Act 1999* and *School Education Regulations 2000*.

Other costs

Personal Items

- Pens, pencils, notebooks, scrapbooks and workbooks
- Calculators
- Drawing instruments
- Art and crafts equipment and supplies
- Protective eyewear
- Diary or work-planner

Other services

- Photocopy and internet download services
- Internet access for recreational or non-school use
- School magazine
- Graduation sweater / jacket
- School / team / class photographs
- Extra-curricular tuition (not provided by Department of Education staff)

The Government meets the cost of:

- Staff
- Teaching materials and equipment
- Special purpose programs
- Student support services
- Information technology
- Facilities
- Furniture and equipment
- Maintenance
- School security
- School operational costs

Contributions and Charges

Voluntary Contributions (Year 7 - 10)

A voluntary payment of \$235 is requested from parents/carers and goes towards the costs of materials, services and facilities used by Year 7 to 10 students in their educational program. Payment of these voluntary contributions is essential as they go toward the cost of materials, services and facilities that are directly used or consumed by students.

Compulsory Charges (Year 9 - 12)

Compulsory charges are applied to high-cost elective subjects chosen by students in Years 9 to 10 as well as all Year 11 and 12 courses. Payment of charges is compulsory.

Extra Cost Optional Components

These are voluntary courses and activities where selection is made by the parents/carers or students to participate. Where students elect to participate, payment will be requested during the school year once costs and participation by students is confirmed.

Other Optional Costs

Printer credits go towards the student's printer credit account. Please note that each student begins the year with a balance of \$5.00 in printer credits.

Yearbook is the student year book featuring highlights of the school year.

Voluntary Approved Requests

Bus Replacement Reserve contributes to the school bus replacement plan.

Library Fund contributes towards the maintenance of quality resources and supplies within our School Library.

Who should pay?

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected fees, it is fair to expect that all parents and carers should pay the balance of contributions and charges. Parents/carers of students who choose the more expensive option subjects need to consider the costs during the subject selection process. Our school is aware that the payment of school fees can be a burden for some families and we can assist parents in selecting options that they can afford. Subject charges will always be provided to parents/carers prior to selection of subjects, and a variety of payment options are available.

Addressing Issues of Non-Payment

Northam Senior High School takes a positive approach to collecting contributions and charges from parents/carers. We encourage regular payments in instalments over the school year and the school can be contacted to discuss payment plan options. If student Charges remain unpaid we may employ an outside debt recovery service to arrange collection of outstanding monies.

Payment Options

Payments can be made at the Front Office between 8.15am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

The school makes provision for the following payment options:

- In person at the Front Office with cheque, cash, EFTPOS or Credit Card
- Over the phone with a Credit Card
- Online **EFT** - BSB: **066524** Account: **00901659**
- Payment plans - We encourage regular payments in instalments over the school year. Please contact the school to discuss payment plan options.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. The allowance consists of two components:

- Clothing Allowance of **\$115.00** paid directly to the parents/carers or the school
- Educational Program Allowance **\$235.00** paid directly to the school.

Application is made by the parent or carer for student/s enrolled in Years 7 to 12. The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age.

Eligibility Criteria

Parents or carers must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (blue card issued annually)

A parents/carer must be the holder of a card that is valid some time during first term. The only exception to this is when a student holds their own Health Care Card and has been declared independent by Centrelink (e.g. living away from home). In this instance, a letter of confirmation from Centrelink needs to accompany the application.

Schools will receive the Educational Program Allowance of \$235 for Secondary Assistance recipients. This amount will be paid directly to the school to reduce the contributions payable by the parents/carers in Years 7 to 10 and the course charges in Years 11 and 12.

Clothing Allowance

The Clothing Allowance of \$115 will be paid to the parents/carers unless you indicate on the application form that you wish it to be paid to the school. If payment to the parent/carer is requested, the payment will be deposited into the parent's/carer's bank account.

Abstudy Supplement Allowance

This funding supplements the Centrelink Abstudy Fees Allowance payment and is available to parents holding a Centrelink Pensioner concession or Family Health Care card or Department of Veterans Affairs Pensioner concession card. Payments are made directly to the school and are applied to the students' contributions and charges.

How to Apply

Secondary Assistance Scheme and Abstudy Supplement forms are to be completed at the school in Term 1 of each year. Applications close at end of Term 1. Secondary Assistance Scheme forms are available at the school from the Front Office.

Note: Secondary Assistance cannot be claimed as well as Abstudy

School Personal Items and Resource List

Northam Senior High School has chosen Campion Education as preferred supplier of our student resource lists and personal items. Campion have provided the best prices for our parents/carers and we recommend you use their online ordering system on their website at www.campion.com.au

NB: Items listed on the resource and personal items list can be purchased from any supplier.

Computer Printing Credits

Students are able to purchase printing credits which allow them to download and print information. If this amount is exhausted students can purchase more credits throughout the year. Student network printing is monitored by software and all students are given a \$5.00 credit at the beginning of the year.

Instrumental Music School Services - hire of instruments

Music students are able to hire an instrument from Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS). The annual fee is set by IMSS, not Northam Senior High School.

High-Cost Course Selection

The process of Year 9 and Year 10 students choosing elective subjects for 2024 was largely completed by the end of Term 3 2023. The selection sheet indicated the cost of subjects by listing the fees for 2023. 2024 course costs may be higher. This was to assist you in judging the financial impact of subject choices. There is a wide range of subjects with many choices for students and we encourage you to guide your child to choose a course that matches your budget as well as their interests.

Please direct questions regarding payment to the Administration office on 9621 6300.

Certificate Courses

VET qualifications **not** arranged through the school may incur a fee up to \$5000.00.

Uniforms

The school uniform shop is operated by Cadds Fashions Sportfirst Northam. They are located at 184 FITZGERALD ST, Northam Western Australia 6401.

Opening hours are:

Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Email: caddssurfsport@westnet.com.au

Phone: 08 9622 2042

Website: www.caddsfashions.com.au

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

The school staff, the School Board and the Student Council strongly supports the wearing of a school uniform. Enrolment at the school is a commitment to meet Dress Code Requirements.

Every Day Uniform Dress Code - School Logo required on all Shirt, Jumper and Hoodie items

Shirt:	Black and red Polo shirt with collar
Shorts:	Plain black
Jumper:	Black and red Windcheater/Jacket
Hoodie:	Black and red Jumper with hood
Track Pants:	Plain black

Black leggings may be worn provided school shorts are worn over the top of the leggings. (shorts must be visible).

A plain black (long or short sleeved without a hood) top may be worn beneath the school uniform for additional warmth.

- The previous school uniform can be worn until February 2023
- It is a safety requirement that students attending Design and Technology, Home Economics and Science classes wear covered footwear.
- Footwear: No thongs, health sandals, ugg boots or shoes deemed to be unsafe.
- Year 12 Leavers Jacket- Available for Year 12 students as an optional addition.
- No non-school logos, stripes, or coloured shirts under the uniform.
- Denim clothing is not permitted at the school.

Refunds Policy - School Camps, Excursions and Incursions

Camps, excursions and incursions are carefully costed and charged to parents/carers based on confirmed numbers of student participating. If your child withdraws from attending, the school will be unable to guarantee a full refund after accommodation, bus and venue hire packages have been purchased. Unspent portions will be directly applied to any outstanding Contributions and Charges prior to issuing a refund.

Year 7 Voluntary Contributions and Compulsory Charges Schedule 2024

Voluntary Contributions

\$235.00

It includes English (\$25), Maths (\$32), Science (\$36), HASS (\$32), Health and Physical Education (\$15), Taster Program (\$95) and covers:

Text books, workbooks and book hire, photocopy materials, computer/digital items, materials for art and crafts, design and technology, science activities, cooking ingredients, Web based curriculum materials/resources (non- optional component), some excursion and travel (non-optional component).

In 2024, Year 7 students will participate in a Taster Program, consisting of electives as follow: Drama, Design and Technology, Visual Arts, Digital Technologies, Home Economics, Music, Introduction to the Big Picture Design and Pathways. Students will rotate through these subjects throughout the year.

Additional Cost Items (per student / per year)

Compulsory Charges

Instrumental Music Hire	\$ 125.00
(applies to only those students who are part of the Instrumental Music School Services program)	

Voluntary Approved Requests

Bus Replacement Reserve	\$ 10.00
Library Fund	\$ 10.00

Other Optional Costs

Printer Credits**	\$ 10.00
Year Book	\$ 40.00

** Each student begins the school year with a balance of \$5.00 in printer credits.

Optional Extra Cost Items

Excursions / Incursions	\$ 150.00
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Year 8 Voluntary Contributions and Compulsory Charges Schedule 2024

Voluntary Contributions

\$235.00

It includes English (\$25), Maths (\$32), Science (\$36), HASS (\$32), Health and Physical Education (\$15), Taster Program (\$95) and covers:

Textbooks, workbooks and book hire, photocopy materials, computer/digital items, materials for art and crafts, design and technology, science activities, cooking ingredients, Web based curriculum materials/resources (non- optional component), some excursion and travel (non-optional component).

In 2024, Year 8 students will participate in a Taster Program, consisting of electives as follow: Drama, Design and Technology, Visual Arts, Digital Technologies, Home Economics, Music, Introduction to the Big Picture Design and Pathways. Students will rotate through these subjects throughout the year.

Additional Cost Items (per student / per year)

Compulsory Charges

Instrumental Music Hire	\$ 125.00
(applies to only those students who are part of the Instrumental Music School Services program)	

Voluntary Approved Requests

Bus Replacement Reserve	\$ 10.00
Library Fund	\$ 10.00

Other Optional Costs

Printer Credits**	\$ 10.00
Year Book	\$ 40.00

** Each student begins the school year with a balance of \$5.00 in printer credits.

Optional Extra Cost Items

Excursions / Incursions	\$ 150.00
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Year 9 Voluntary Contributions and Compulsory Charges Schedule 2024

Voluntary Contributions

\$235.00

It includes English (\$25), Maths (\$32), Science (\$36), HASS (\$32), Health and Physical Education (\$20), Pathways and six electives (\$90). It covers text books, workbooks and book hire, photocopy materials, computer/digital items, materials for art and crafts, design and technology, science activities, cooking ingredients, Web based curriculum materials/resources (non- optional component), some excursion and travel (non-optional component).

Certain high cost electives attract a compulsory charge; they are:

	Compulsory charge per semester
Home Economics – Foods	\$63.00
Home Economics – Textiles	\$58.00
Woodwork	\$46.00
Metalwork	\$44.00
Jewellery	\$44.00
Physical Recreation	\$42.00
Photo and Digital Media	\$32.00
Visual Arts	\$21.00
Robotics	\$17.00
Digital Technology	\$17.00
School Production	\$31.50

Additional Cost Items (per student / per year)

Compulsory Charges

Instrumental Music Hire	\$ 125.00
(applies to only those students who are part of the Instrumental Music School Services program)	

Voluntary Approved Requests

Bus Replacement Reserve	\$ 10.00
Library Fund	\$ 10.00

Other Optional Costs

Printer Credits**	\$ 10.00
Year Book	\$ 40.00

** Each student begins the school year with a balance of \$5.00 in printer credits.

Optional Extra Cost Items

Excursions / Incursions	\$ 150.00
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Year 10 Voluntary Contributions and Compulsory Charges Schedule 2024

Voluntary Contributions

\$235.00

It includes English (\$30), Maths (\$32), Science (\$36), HASS (\$32), Health and Physical Education (\$15), Pathways (\$8) and five electives (\$82). It covers text books, workbooks and book hire, photocopy materials, computer/digital items, materials for art and crafts, design and technology, science activities, cooking ingredients, Web based curriculum materials/resources (non- optional component), some excursion and travel (non-optional component).

Certain high cost electives attract a compulsory charge; they are:

	Compulsory charge per semester
Home Economics – Foods	\$63.00
Home Economics – Textiles	\$58.00
Hospitality	\$63.00
Caring for Children	\$40.00
Woodwork	\$46.00
Metalwork	\$44.00
Jewellery	\$44.00
Outdoor Education	\$37.00
Strength and Fitness	\$42.00
Photo and Digital Media	\$32.00
Visual Arts	\$21.00
Robotics	\$17.00
Digital Technology	\$17.00
Sports Science	\$42.00
School Production	\$31.50

Additional Cost Items (per student / per year)

Compulsory Charges

Instrumental Music Hire	\$ 125.00
(applies to only those students who are part of the Instrumental Music School Services program)	

Voluntary Approved Requests

Bus Replacement Reserve	\$ 10.00
Library Fund	\$ 10.00

Other Optional Costs

Printer Credits**	\$ 10.00
Year Book	\$ 40.00

** Each student begins the school year with a balance of \$5.00 in printer credits.

Optional Extra Cost Items

Excursions / Incursions	\$ 150.00
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Year 11 and 12 Compulsory Course Charge Schedule 2024

ENGLISH

English ATAR - Year 11	\$ 48.00
English ATAR - Year 12	\$ 44.00
English General - Year 11	\$ 56.00
English General - Year 12	\$ 50.00
English Foundation - Year 11 and 12	\$ 50.00

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Application ATAR - Year 11	\$ 74.00
Mathematics Application ATAR - Year 12	\$ 74.00
Mathematics Methods ATAR - Year 11 and 12	\$ 74.00
Mathematics Essentials - Year 11 and 12	\$ 84.00
Mathematics Foundation- Year 11 and 12	\$ 84.00

SCIENCE

Chemistry ATAR - Year 11	\$ 53.00
Chemistry ATAR - Year 12	\$ 63.00
Biology ATAR - Year 11	\$ 53.00
Biology ATAR - Year 12	\$ 63.00
Human Biology ATAR - Year 11	\$ 53.00
Human Biology ATAR - Year 12	\$ 63.00
Physics ATAR - Year 11	\$ 53.00
Physics ATAR - Year 12	\$ 63.00

HASS (SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT)

Economics ATAR - Year 11	\$ 32.00
Geography ATAR - Year 12	\$ 40.00
Careers & Enterprise/Workplace Learning -Year 11	\$ 26.00
Modern History - Year 12	\$ 42.00

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Outdoor Education General - Year 11	\$ 74.00
Outdoor Education General - Year 12	\$126.00
Health Studies General - Year 11 and 12	\$ 42.00
Physical Education Studies General - Year 11	\$ 63.00
Physical Education Studies General - Year 12	\$ 84.00
Certificate II - Sports Coaching - Year 11 and 12	\$ 84.00

ARTS

Visual Arts General	\$ 63.00
School Production	\$ 63.00
Media Production and Analysis	\$ 63.00

Year 11 and 12 Compulsory Course Charge Schedule 2024

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Building and Construction General	\$ 91.00
Materials Design and Technology (Metals) General	\$ 107.00
Materials Design and Technology (Wood) General	\$ 117.00

BUSINESS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Applied Information Technology General	\$ 63.00
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HOME ECONOMICS

Children, Family and Community General	\$ 116.00
Food Science and Technology General	\$ 126.00
Materials Design and Technology (Textiles) General	\$ 116.00
Certificate II – Hospitality	\$ 131.00
Certificate II - Cookery	\$ 131.00
Workplace Learning	\$ 26.00

TAFE courses through the school (Cert II Animal Studies, Cert II Community Services, Cert II Construction, Cert IV Nursing Education, Cert II Auto)	\$ 50.00
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Uni Ready	\$ 85.00
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Additional Cost Items (per student / per year)

Compulsory Charges

Instrumental Music Hire	\$ 125.00
(applies to only those students who are part of the Instrumental Music School Services program)	
SIDE	\$30.00 - \$250.00 per subject
Courses or studies completed through SIDE and online based at NSHS	

Voluntary Approved Requests

Bus Replacement Reserve	\$ 10.00
Library Fund	\$ 10.00

Other Optional Costs

Printer Credits**	\$ 10.00
Year Book	\$ 40.00

** Each student begins the school year with a balance of \$5.00 in printer credits.

Year 11 Optional Extra Cost Items

Country Week	\$ 650.00
Excursions	\$ 150.00

Year 12 Optional Extra Cost Items

Country Week	\$ 650.00
Leavers Jacket	\$ 150.00
Year 12 Ball	\$ 70.00
Year 12 Dinner	\$ 50.00
Excursions	\$ 150.00

Academies Course Schedule 2024 - Y7 to Y10

About Me \$235.00

It includes Literacy (\$40), Numeracy (\$40), Life Skills (\$50), Pastoral Care (\$50), Health (\$20) and Physical Education (\$35) and covers textbooks, workbooks and book hire, photocopy materials, computer/digital items, materials for art and crafts, design and technology, science activities, cooking ingredients, Web based curriculum materials/resources (non- optional component), some excursion and travel (non-optional component).

Academies Program Course Schedule 2024 – Y11 to Y12

Big Picture \$235.00

Alternative Programs Electives (Certificate Course)	Compulsory Charge
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Certificate II - Hospitality	\$ 131.00
Certificate II - Sports Coaching	\$ 84.00
Certificate II - Horticulture	\$ 53.00

Additional Cost Items (per student / per year)

Voluntary Approved Requests

Bus Replacement Reserve	\$ 10.00
Library Fund	\$ 10.00

Other Optional Costs

Printer Credits**	\$ 10.00
Year Book	\$ 40.00

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Year 11 Optional Extra Cost Items

Excursions / Incursions	\$ 150.00
Country Week	\$ 650.00

Year 12 Optional Extra Cost Items

Country Week	\$650.00
Leavers Jacket	\$150.00
Year 12 Ball	\$ 70.00
Year 12 Dinner	\$ 50.00
Excursions / Incursions	\$150.00