2016 Charges and Contributions for Rockingham Senior High School

Rationale

**Voluntary Contributions for Year 7-10** enable the school to enrich the basic curriculum by providing resources that extend the school’s capacity to add value to your child’s learning experience. Students derive the full benefit from the voluntary contribution and compulsory charges they pay. For example, parent contributions allow schools to provide class sets of books instead of students having to provide their own. Failure to pay your contributions places a large burden on the school community. The school relies upon all families to contribute.

**All parents who are holders of a Centrelink Pension Card or Health Care Card are eligible to claim Secondary Assistance every year.** If the Secondary Assistance Scheme is claimed, under Government policy it is used to reduce voluntary contributions. Policy states: “$235 Education Program Allowance is paid directly to the school. This amount reduces the voluntary contributions requested of the parent/guardian for students in Year 7-10”. The uniform component of the scheme can be sent directly to you or alternately used to reduce the balance of your charges.

**Compulsory Charges for Year 7-10** is for high cost and enrichment items associated with a particular course. These can be for specialised materials, or for visiting speakers or performers. If your child has chosen an option with an associated cost this cost is compulsory.

**All Course Charges in Year 11 and 12 are compulsory.** Secondary Assistance Scheme claimed by students in these areas is applied to their charges.

School charges are required to be paid prior to the end of Term 1 unless payment arrangements have been made with the Business Manager. The services of a debt collection agency are used for all unpaid charges. To ensure your account is not referred to this agency, please make contact with the school prior to the end of term 1. Do not leave making arrangements to pay until Term 3. It is much easier to pay a small sum over a 40 week period than have to find a larger sum at the end of the year.

**Internet Usage Allowance and Printing Allowance** – All students have a printing and internet usage allowance allocated to them at the beginning of each term. Should they use their allocation prior to the end of the term additional allocations can be purchased from the sub school office as required in lots of $5.00. However used sensibly the allocation given each term should be adequate. Students need to determine if what they are going to print or download is necessary.