



# MERREDIN COLLEGE

A Wheatbelt Independent Public School

## **2024 Contributions and Charges**

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### **Year 7**



*learning close to home*

**This Booklet contains information on the following:**

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**Additional Information and Order Forms:**

- Nextra Newsagency Personal Items Order Form
- Abacus Calculator Order Form
- Merredin College Uniform Order Form
- Merredin College Parents and Citizens Flyer
- **Individual 2024 Merredin College Contributions and Charges Statement**

All Contributions and Charges information and other school information, including the Merredin College Dress Code are readily available on the school website – [merredincollege.wa.edu.au](http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au).

The government provides operational funding for teachers, facilities and equipment that delivers a comprehensive education for all WA students. The cost of course materials, services and facilities for educational programs are met jointly from grants, fundraising and parent fees and contributions.

**Parents/Carers who choose not to pay Voluntary Contributions, reduce the school's capacity to provide these resources while student participation on Extra Cost Options is conditional upon payment.**

If you are experiencing financial hardship, payment plans are available. Please contact the Merredin College Administration Office on 9041 7520 if you would like to make this arrangement or if you have any other queries regarding the enclosed information.

All payments can be made via cash/cheque/EFTPOS at the Merredin College Office or by direct debit to **Merredin College BSB: 066040 Acc: 19903610**

# Voluntary Contributions

The total amount of contributions parents/caregivers are being asked to pay has been set at \$235.00 per student. The quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contribution. **This equates to just \$1.18 for each day of the school year.**

In 2024 your \$235.00 will be used to provide resources and materials in the following subject areas:

<b>The Arts: Visual and Drama</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Technology and Enterprises: IT, Wood, Metal, Home Economics</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Science, Including CORE</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Physical Education and Health</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

## Voluntary Approved Requests

Merredin College also requests you consider contributing to the following specific programs/funds. All are a per student contribution.

<b>Library Fund (Purchase/Replacement Books and Resources)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Sustainability (Renewable Energies and Water Conservation)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Technology Fund (Network, Printers, Specialist Technology Equipment)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>School Chaplain Program (Pastoral Care)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>P&amp;C Association (General Fundraising)</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

## Textbooks

Textbooks are purchased by the school and issued on a need's basis. Students may be billed if a book loaned to them is lost or damaged whilst in their care. Some subjects will have student access to online digital textbooks.

# Additional Study Requirements

## Suggested items for the home to help with study:

- Daily newspaper
- Dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Atlas
- Computer, Laptop or Tablet
- Internet Access

## Extra Cost Options

In addition to subject contributions and charges there are additional charges for:

- (a) optional activities in any course for which there is a cost associated with their provision such as camps and excursions.
- (b) other optional school-based activities which address broad learning outcomes, school and social events such as graduation dinners or school balls.
- (c) optional purchase or other school-based items such as leavers jumpers, specialist school uniform and the school magazine - Combined Harvest.

**Participation in optional activities is voluntary but a compulsory charge is applied if a student elects to participate. Payment will be requested during the school year when costs and participation by students is confirmed.**

It is unlikely that all these items will occur in any one year. Please note Year 7 electives which are largely practical subjects are mandatory taster units and will not incur additional material charges.

The follow pages have identified possible extra cost options for 2024 for the year 7 cohort. The prescribed amount does not take into consideration fundraising opportunities which may reduce the cost of some camps and excursions.

Subject	Description	Amount
CORE	Field Trips/Excursions/Camps	250.00
CORE	CORE Polo shirt	60.00
Drama	Workshop Incursion	50.00
Education Support	Independent Living Excursions Up to \$15.00 Per Term	60.00
English	Excursions/Events Cummins Theatre	50.00
English	Poetry Incursion	12.50
English	English Competition	15.00
HASS	Curriculum Excursion - Regional Area	50.00
HASS	Geography Competition	10.00
HASS	History Competition	10.00
Health and Physical Education	Tennis Classic Competition and Finals	60.00
Health and Physical Education	Interschool Sports Competitions	100.00
Health and Physical Education	Netball West Coast Fever Cup	50.00
Health and Physical Education	Sports Entry Merredin Pool or MRCLC	50.00
Information and Computer Technologies	Computer Studies Competition	15.00
Information and Computer Technologies	3D Printing	10.00
Mathematics	Mathematics Competition	20.00
Mathematics	Incursions/Excursion	50.00
Science	SciTech Incursion	20.00
Science	Photocopied Texts	20.00
Science	Science Competition	10.00
Volleyball Academy Program	Excursions, Competitions, and Equipment (Excluding accommodation and travel)	200.00
Volleyball Program	Volleyball Playing Shirt with Number	65.00
Other	School Magazine Combined Harvest	30.00
Other	Leadership Camp	180.00
Other	Interim Swimming - Pool Entry if no Season Pass	30.00
Other	Year 7 Transition Big Day Out	10.00
Other	Print Credits – 10c B/W, 50c Colour (School Provides Initial \$15.00)	Purchase From Student Services

# General Personal Use Items

All students will require the following items. These items may need to be replenished during the year. Merredin College encourages you to support local business.

(Stationery Orders may be placed at Merredin Nextra Newsagency from 20 December 2023 for pick up in January 2024) - Please see enclosed order form.

- 4 x Subject Notebook A4 96 page (English, Maths, HASS, Science)
- 9 x Subject Notebook A4 64 page (Option/Practical Subjects, Health, LOTE)
- 7 x Clear plastic document wallets – one each subject per term.
- 3 x Graph Books - **96-page A4 5MM graph – Whole Year**
- USB/Thumb Drive - 16Gb minimum recommended
- Large Pencil Case
- 3 blue pens
- 3 red pens
- 4 HB lead pencils
- Pack of 12 coloured pencils
- Pack of 12 textas
- 30 cm ruler—not metal
- Eraser
- Correction Tape
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- 2 x highlighter (different colours)
- Pencil sharpener with receptacle
- Compass
- Protractor
- Safety glasses
- Set of Headphones – Not Wireless
- **Calculator (Year 7) Scientific Casio FX82AUPLU2ND or Abacus SXIIMATRIXN (See Separate Order Form)**

**Note: Stationery supplies may need to be replenished throughout the year.**

Additional notebooks/plastic wallets may be required: Listed quantity is the minimum for one notebook per subject throughout the year.

# Other Personal Use Items

<b>D&amp;T:</b>	2 x 2H Lead pencils 1 x Display Folder (With Plastic Sleeves)
<b>Art:</b>	1 x Display Folder (With Plastic Sleeves) 2x 2B Pencils 2x 6B Pencils 2x Erasers – Soft White Block 1x Ruler (Not Metal) 1x .4mm Nib Artline or Fineliner 1 x A4 Visual Arts Diary
<b>ICT:</b>	Set of headphones (not wireless)
<b>Home Economics:</b>	Plastic Food storage container
<b>Physical Education:</b>	Hat - bucket style preferred, Collared polo shirt - house colours OR Interschool polo shirt, Specialist Sports Shirt (Volleyball Only) Tracksuit pants and shorts (Navy No Logos), Running shoes Swimwear (Appropriate bathers: no revealing bikinis or male brief type speedos)
<b>YEAR 7:</b>	<b>Laptop as per Merredin College BYOD Plan</b>

## BYOD Program

BYOD (Bring your Own Device) refers to students bringing a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning.

- Device is to be no older than 4 years old
- Screen Size should be no bigger than 15 Inches
- Devices must have keyboard capabilities
- Devices must support 5GHZ Dual Band 802.11a/b/ g/n wireless
- Battery Life of the device must last the day (no recharge available)
- All required software or applications must be preloaded
- **BYOD Use agreement must be signed**
- **Students must abide by the School Electronic Device Policy**
- **Merredin College does not take responsibility for any loss or damage and encourages parents to consider device insurance.**

In addition to the original BYOD program in 2024 Merredin College is requesting that Year 7 students participate in a full cohort BYOD Plan. Laptops will need to meet specific requirements to be connected to the school network.

**Laptops in BYOD program must be Windows based. (No Apple Macs)**

- 11-inch Display
- Intel Core i3-1115G4 Processor
- 8GB RAM
- 128GB SSD
- 720p HD Camera
- Wi-Fi Access
- Bluetooth
- USB, HDMI, Headphone and Microphone ports
- Windows 10 Pro National Academic Operating System
- Microsoft Office 365 – Available free from the Department of Education
- Google Chrome

JB Hifi and Winthrop Australia offer several devices that meet these requirements; however, you can purchase from any supplier or use a pre-owned device.

**More Information is available in the Merredin College BYOD Plan 2024.**

## **Financial Assistance**

The Secondary Assistance Scheme is available to secondary students whose parents hold Centrelink Family Health Care or Pension Concession Cards or Veterans Affairs Pension Concession Cards. The schemes the Clothing Allowance (\$115 paid to school or parent) and Educational Program Allowance (\$235.00 paid directly to the school).

If you think you are eligible for the Secondary Assistance Scheme, please apply at the front office before the end of Term 1.

Students in Receipt of ABSTUDY are eligible for the ABSTUDY Supplement Allowance.

***Endorsed by Merredin College School Board \_\_\_\_\_.***