



MERREDIN COLLEGE

A Wheatbelt Independent Public School

2024 Contributions and Charges

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Year K-6



learning close to home

This Booklet contains information on the following:

- K-6 Voluntary Contributions
- Approved Voluntary Requests (Per Student)
- Additional Extra Cost Items
- Bring Your Own Device Information
- Student Personal Use Items

Additional Information and Order Forms:

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

All Contributions and Charges information and other school information, including the Merredin College Dress Code Policy are readily available on the school website – 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.**

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 Administration Office or by direct debit to **Merredin College BSB: 066040 Acc: 19903610.**

K-6 Voluntary Contributions

The voluntary contribution amount parents/caregivers are being asked to pay has been set at \$60.00 per student. **This equates to just 30c for each day of the school year.** The quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contribution.

In 2024, the \$60.00 will be used to provide resources and materials for the following subject areas:

The Arts: Visual, Drama and Music	\$10.00
English	\$10.00
Mathematics	\$10.00
Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)	\$ 7.50
Technology and Enterprises	\$ 7.50
Science, Including CORE	\$ 7.50
Physical Education and Health	\$ 7.50

K-6 Voluntary Approved Requests

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

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

K-6 General Personal Use Items

All students will need personal stationery items. These may need to be replenished through the year.

These can be purchased from any supplier; however, Merredin College encourages you to support local business.

A stationary order form is available for your use and you will be provided with grade appropriate personal items list.

(Stationery Orders may be placed at Merredin Nextra Newsagency from 20 December 2023 for pick up in January 2024)

K-6 Other Personal Use Items

Physical Education	Hat—Merredin College broad brimmed (YES Hat YES Play Sun Smart Policy) Sunglasses – Encouraged (Sun Smart Policy) Collared polo shirt—house colours or Year 6 leavers shirt Tracksuit pants and/or shorts (Navy No Logos) Running shoes
Other	School Bag Lunchbox and Water Bottle
Home Study Aids	Internet Access Newspapers and Magazines Thesaurus, Dictionary and Atlas
Year 4-6	Laptop as per Merredin College BYOD Program Plan

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

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/carers to consider device insurance.**

Merredin College is requesting that Year 4-6 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.

K-6 Extra Cost Options

In Addition to voluntary contributions there are additional charges for:

- (a) optional activities in any course for which there 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 costs will occur in any one year. The follow pages have identified possible Extra Cost Options for 2024 for each individual year group. The prescribed amount does not take into consideration fundraising opportunities which may reduce the cost of some camps and excursions.

K-2 Extra Cost Option Schedule

ITEM	Description	K	P	1	2
Interschool Sport	Carnivals, Cross Country, T20 Cricket			\$100.00	\$100.00
Curriculum Competitions	Maths, English, History			\$20.00	\$20.00
Assessment Tests and Text	Provision of Additional Materials				\$20.00
Incursions	Inc. Music Viva, SciTech etc	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Swimming Lessons/Pool Entry	Pool Entry		\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Arts/Music and Drama	Costumes	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Excursions Local	Museum, Windfarm etc	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
Education Support	Life Skills Dining Out \$15.00 Per Visit				
Education Support	Personal Hygiene Products	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

3-6 Extra Cost Option Schedule

ITEM	Description	3	4	5	6
Interschool Sport	Carnivals, Cross Country, T20 Cricket	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Merredin College Choir	One Big Voice Camp, Local Excursions	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
Curriculum Competitions	Maths, English, History	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

ITEM	Description	3	4	5	6
Assessment Tests and Text	Provision of Additional Materials	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Incursions	Inc. Music Viva, SciTech etc	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Lego League Challenge				\$30.00	\$30.00
Year 6 Camp	Dependent on Location and Fundraising				\$500.00
Swimming Lessons/Pool Entry	Pool Entry	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Transition Day	Extra-Curricular Activities				\$25.00
Year 6 Shirt	Leavers Polo				\$60.00
Arts/Music and Drama	Costumes	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Arts/Music and Drama	Excursions		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Leadership Camp and Excursions	Perth or Regional				\$150.00
Excursions Local	Museum, Windfarm etc	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Education Support	Life Skills Dining Out \$15.00 Per Visit	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Education Support	Personal Hygiene Products	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

Endorsed by the Merredin College Board _____