

BALLAJURA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES 2023



Voluntary contributions, compulsory charges and approved funding requests paid by parents and guardians are all used to purchase textbooks, 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 and comply with the guidelines issued by the Department of Education and the Education Act.

Outlined below are the contributions and charges for Ballajura Community College for 2023.

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

1. Year 7 and 8

A maximum voluntary contribution is requested for Year 7 and 8 students of \$235 each with subject costs itemized on Statements. A voluntary approved funding request of \$130 per student is also requested (see #4 below). Year 7 and 8 students at BCC have access to a full secondary program including the use of latest computer technology and facilities

2. Year 9 and 10

A voluntary contribution is requested for Year 9 and 10 students of \$235 each with subject costs itemized on Statement. Where students choose extra vocational and recreational courses, a **compulsory charge** applies. Compulsory charges are separated from standard voluntary cost on the Statement sent to parents. A deposit is required to be paid for all vocational and recreational courses. Payment of the balance of the compulsory charges must be made **by the end of 8 March 2023**. Students may be reallocated into alternative courses if compulsory charges for vocational and recreational courses are not paid in advance.

The **Access Program** in Year 10 is an optional program for which all charges are **compulsory**.

A voluntary approved funding request of \$130 per student is also requested (see #4 below).

3. Year 11 and 12

Payment for all courses in Year 11 and 12 are mandatory. There is no established maximum as charges depend on the subjects selected by the students. A voluntary approved funding request of \$130 per student is also requested (see paragraph 4).

4. Approved Funding Request Per Student

The Ballajura Community College School Board has endorsed a voluntary Approved Funding Request of \$130 per student to cover items not included by the voluntary contributions (years 7 -10) or compulsory charges.

The funding request covers the following:

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| • Photocopying Card – provided to all students. | \$20.00 |
| • Grounds Improvement. | \$10.00 |
| • Communications to parents | \$10.00 |
| • Technology* | \$60.00 |
| • P&C Donation | \$30.00 |

Where students exceed the printing cost of \$20.00, additional charges apply.

**This request assists the College with the replacement and maintenance of over 900 computers for student access across all subject areas.*

5. Government Assistance

a. Secondary Assistance Scheme

The WA Dept of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families. The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance which can be paid directly to the parent/guardian or directly to the College;
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance which is paid directly to the school.

Application is made by parents or guardians of students enrolled in Years 7 to 12 up to and including the year the student turns 17.

Parents/guardians must hold one of the following from Centrelink:

- Pensioner Concession Card (Blue card only).
- Health Care Card (Family card only)
- Pensioner Concession Card from the Department of Veterans' Affairs

Cards held must be current in first term. **Applications close on the last day of term one.** Application must be in person, forms are available from the Administration Office at the College. Any application received after this date will not be accepted.

b. Abstudy Fees Allowance Supplement

Assistance for secondary school Aboriginal students may be available to supplement the Abstudy payments.

c. Youth Allowance

Some students who turn 17 in 2023 may be able to access the Youth Allowance via Centrelink.

6. Payment of Contributions and Charges

a. How & When

- Payments can be made at any time at the cashier in the Main Administration Office between 08:00am -3:30pm.
- Payments can be made via the Qkr (pronounced Quicker) payment system either through your computer/laptop, or at <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home> or via the Qkr App on your smartphone/tablet.
- Payments can be made by mail or in person by cheque, cash, Eftpos or credit card. (We accept Visa and MasterCard. Credit card payments can be made by phone and direct debit facilities are available.

b. Payment Arrangements

Some families may not be in a position to pay the contributions and charges all at once. The Manager Corporate Services will assist in formulating a payment plan to suit each family. Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any queries regarding contributions and charges.

Please Note: All information and government allowances stated herein were correct at the time of printing this form.

Belinda Hall
Principal