

2019 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

***Please make payment between
Tuesday 29 January 2019 and Friday 27 September 2019
(Office hours 8.30am – 3.30pm)***

Contributions and charges enable the school to enrich the basic curriculum. Students will derive the full benefit from the Voluntary Contributions and Compulsory Charges they pay. Failure to pay your contributions and charges places a large burden on the school community. The school relies upon all families to contribute.

School Charges and Voluntary Contributions can be settled by any of the following methods:

1. B Point – This is an online system very similar to BPay (Credit Card/Debit Card/Direct Debit).
 - a. For Charges and Contributions payments, please go to our website <http://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/online-payments> – Charges and Contributions, and follow the prompts.
 - b. For Excursions and Incursions payments, please go to our website <http://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/online-payments> – Incursions and Excursions, and follow the prompts.
2. Periodical Credit Card or Direct Debit Authorisation. Forms can be found on our website <http://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/resources/parentresources>
3. EFTPOS/Credit Card – In person or over the phone.

If you have any queries relating to our payment system, please do not hesitate to call our staff in the Finance Department on 9237 6812 or 9237 6813.

PERIODICAL PAYMENT

Periodical Payment Schedule (for Credit Card holders/Direct Debit)

At the end of 2018 you will receive:

- Letter with your child/children contributions for the 2019 School Year.
- BPOINT Periodical Credit Card Authorisation and
- Direct Debit Request form.

When filling out the details on the front of the sheet all sections need to be completed, please nominate weekly, fortnightly or monthly. You can also call the school to make payments over the phone. Please note that the minimum amount that can be debited is \$50.00. For any further information in regards school contributions please go to our website <http://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/resources/parentresources>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME – (Note: New applications need to be made each year).

The Department of Education provides an allowance to Parents/Guardians who are holders of the following:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (only the blue annual Veterans' Affairs Card is eligible)

The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115.00 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- \$235.00 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

PLEASE NOTE that a new application needs to be made each year. To apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme please come to the School's Finance Office before 12 April 2019. No late application will be accepted by the Department of Education. The forms need to be completed online at the school with the parent or carer present.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 7 TO 10

Schools are required to make sure that all students can choose an educational program that satisfies the requirements of the Curriculum. The Department of Education policy states that the maximum Voluntary Contributions that can be requested is \$235.00. If the Secondary Assistance Scheme is claimed, it pays for the student's Voluntary Contributions. These are contributions to core subjects and some electives.

Please refer to the Department of Education "Student Allowances Guidelines 2019" full document on our website. <http://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/resources/parentresources>

COMPULSORY CHARGES FOR ALL YEARS

The Compulsory Charges/Charges are applied to students who have elected to participate in electives which incur an extra cost. (Refer to the School Education Act 1999, Section 98)

In accordance with the Department of Education Contribution and Charges policy we request a 50% payment for all **Certificate Courses in Year 11 and Year 12 by 4 February 2019**. Students' participation is conditional to this payment.

VOLUNTARY APPROVED REQUESTS

TECHNOLOGY and CURRICULUM IT

Leeming Senior High School has computers, notebooks and associated printers for the students to use and these are connected to the Internet via the school's network.

Students have access to email, internet and international learning communities. We have purchased a range of software packages to meet the individual learning needs of our students. Your \$25.00 contribution enables us to continue the growth of this wonderful, but rapidly changing learning tool and provides funds to upgrade and obtain licenses for Software packages.

LIBRARY

The Library request of \$35.00 assists in the purchase and provision of resources supportive of the implementation of the school plan (Literacy). These include:

- Fiction and non-fiction print and electronic resources to promote literacy and encourage recreational reading, reading for a purpose, plus the implementation of research skills supportive of all learning areas.
- Resources include - subject texts, books, online encyclopedias, newspapers, magazine subscriptions, iPads, Apps, e-Book readers, e-Books, A/V equipment, etc.

PARENT AND CITIZEN ASSOCIATION & P&C BUILDING FUND AND CONTRIBUTIONS

This is a parent committee that decides on distribution of funds collected based on current information provided by our school. The P&C Building Fund allocates funding to requested school upgrades. Please refer to the P&C letter from the Parent Resources section on our website.

CHAPLAIN – STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The School Chaplain is an integral member of the Student Service team at Leeming SHS and a \$15.00 donation helps provide the necessary services. The Chaplain provides; holistic pastoral care, mentoring, teaching on emotional intelligence and relational issues, welfare support and cultivates a greater connectedness to various support agencies and community organisations.

Additionally, the Chaplain encourages the school to have an outward humanitarian focus by supporting various projects.

HOUSE AND CARNIVAL EVENTS

\$10.00 is provided to cover any Sporting Carnivals and events held at the school.

PUBLICATIONS – School Newsletter

The Newsletter is one of the very valuable means of communication with parents at a cost of \$8.00 per year for:

- Information from the school.
- Student achievements.
- Reporting to parents as part of our accountability requirements.
- Newsletters are sent via e-mail. Please provide your e-mail address to the school.

This item is provided by an outside source.

OTHER OPTIONAL COSTS

PAPER USE

Once students have used an initial \$2.00 paper allocation that is credited to them, they can purchase additional printing credit at the Library. If your child is doing subjects that are in Computing, Business Education, English or HASS there may be a higher usage of printing paper than other subjects.

YEARBOOK - SURVEYOR

This is a record of events and achievements for the year and is a great keepsake for your student. The cost is \$25.00 and must be paid by 1 November 2019. Past years copies of the Surveyor can be viewed at the School Reception. This item is provided by an outside source.

VALEDICTORY – Year 12 Only

The Valedictory ceremony is a formal conclusion to the Year 12 course and each student's journey through High School, held at Winthrop Hall at the University of Western Australia.

Unfortunately, the costs at Winthrop Hall have increased significantly for 2019 and Leeming SHS has had to adjust the charges accordingly. The \$100 fee for the Valedictory Ceremony (included in the Year 12 School Fees) covers venue hire, full ceremony gown hire, a school sash (for the students to keep) and a Class of 2019 photo for each student. Tickets and refreshments by the Reflection Pool at UWA are complementary for all of our attending Year 12 students.

Tickets for the attendance of parents and other guests are \$20.00 per person. This charge includes a seat at Winthrop Hall for the Valedictory Ceremony, refreshments by the Reflection Pool and a Valedictory Program. The costs for the Valedictory tickets are paid separately from the school fees. Early in Term 4, we send our parents and guardians an e-mail containing information on the Valedictory and how to purchase a ticket. Tickets are processed by the UWA online ticket office.

SCHOOL BALL – YEAR 12 ONLY

The School Ball is invoiced and paid during Year 11 and it is held in Term 1 of Year 12.

ACROSS SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to the essential curriculum activities that are covered by learning areas, a wide range of Optional Enrichment Activities are planned for 2019 on a pay-as-you-go basis. We would prefer these payments through our BPoint system.

The school is unable to predict the exact cost of many of these optional activities that are organised by Year Coordinators. Teachers organizing these activities will always aim for the cheapest possible cost.

Examples of the activities and approximate cost:

School Ball (Year 12 Only) (Invoiced & Paid during Year 11)	up to \$150	
Year 12 Graduation Lunch	up to \$50	
Leavers' Jackets (Invoiced and Paid in Year 11)	up to \$120	
Valedictory Ceremony (Year 12)	up to \$100	(Extra tickets up to \$30)
River Cruise Reward Excursions (Lower School)	up to \$45	
Spring Fling Mixer (Upper School)	up to \$50	
Dinner Dance (Year 10)	up to \$65	
Reward Excursions (All Years may do more than one)	up to \$40	
Sportspersons Dinner	up to \$40	
Year 7/8 Social	up to \$20	

Please note the above activities are for selected students only.

PERSONAL ITEMS -BOOKLISTS

Information can be found in the School Information Handbook which is located on our website under 2019 Parent Information Package. Leeming Senior High School uses Champion Education as the suggested supplier.

Stationery items required for specific courses have been included in the Personal Items Listings.

PAYMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FAQs

Q: If you call some charges 'Voluntary', why should I pay?

A: As per the Department of Education guidelines students are entitled to participate in an educational program that satisfies the requirements of the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline. The Department of Education allocates basic funding to each school according to the number of students and gives Principals and School Boards the autonomy to increase resources to their core subjects and some elective subjects.

The School Education Act 1999, School Education Regulations 2000 and Department policies establish that schools can request up to \$235 in Voluntary Contributions. Our School Board and Principal have agreed to request parents to pay Voluntary Contributions as these extra funds allow us to provide critical additional educational resources in our core subjects and some elective subjects. Every cent is allocated to the invoiced School Year and is used on that year so that it benefits your child directly.

Although its name seems to indicate they are inconsequential fees, the Voluntary Contributions allow our teaching staff to enrich their programs with what we believe are vital educational resources for the classroom.

Q: What's the difference between Voluntary Contributions and Voluntary Approved Requests?

A: Voluntary Contributions are allocated to resources requested by the teaching staff for their classroom.

A: Voluntary Approved Requests are costs that the School Board has deemed necessary to keep the school in good standing and condition. In past years Voluntary Approved Contributions have helped the school purchase items such as:

- Lockers
- Bush shelter
- Library shelves
- Furniture in brand new Media Room
- Year 7 Area with table-tennis table and Barbecue
- Professional coffee machine to allow our students to work towards a Barista Certificate
- Software packages for a range of subjects