

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

***Please make payment between
Wednesday 27 January 2021 and Friday 24 September 2021
(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 <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/leemingseniorhigh/?billercode=1400879>
 - b. For Excursions and Incursions payments, please go to our website <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/leemingseniorhigh/?billercode=1401310>
2. Periodical Credit Card or Direct Debit Authorisation. Forms can be found on our website <https://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/resources/parent-resources-2021/>
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 2020 you will receive:

- Letter with your child/children contributions for the 2021 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 to school contributions please go to our website.

<https://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/resources/parent-resources-2021/>

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 9 April 2021. 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 2021" full document on our website. <https://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/resources/parent-resources-2021/>

COMPULSORY CHARGES FOR ALL YEARS

The Compulsory Charge/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 1 February 2021**. Students' participation is conditional on 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 the 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

The school uses a number of publishing platforms to communicate with parents such as.

- Excursion and information letters to parents
- Absentee and SMS Communications System
- Newsletter (electronic)
- Schoolstream App (electronic)
- Website & Facebook

To cover the costs associated with all publications we ask parents a contribution of \$8.00 per year.

OTHER OPTIONAL COSTS

PAPER USE

Once students have used an initial \$5.00 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 29 October 2021. 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. The location of the ceremony will be determined at the start of 2021.

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 2021 photo for each student

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 and the cost.

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 2021 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	
Dinner Dance (Year 10)	up to \$50	
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 2021 Parent Information Package. Leeming Senior High School uses Campion 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

ELEVATE PROGRAM

A Study Skills program run by Elevate Education for our Year 11 and Year 12 students. The students will attend workshops through the year with the vision to create lasting cultural change in the way they approach study. Through the workshops students will learn study techniques and will be provided a road-map for the year.

The Elevate Program is presented by young and energetic presenters and offers practical skills based on 14 years of research.

The Leeming Senior High School teachers will receive easy-to-use implementation kits to use within the classroom after every workshop.

Parents and teachers will also be invited to a workshop to reinforce best practices both in the home and in the classroom.

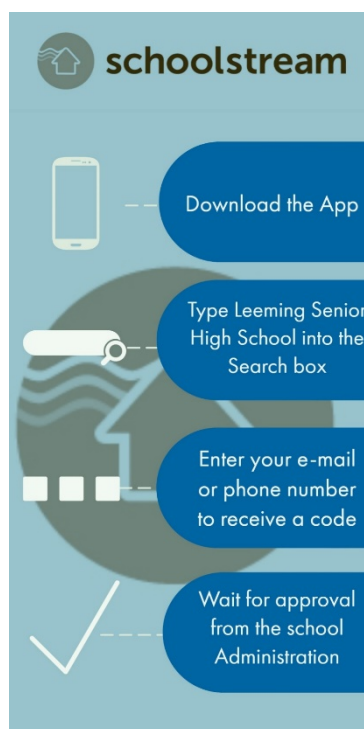
To cover the costs of this program each student is asked to pay a fee of \$18.50. (This fee might change in 2021 but at the time of publishing we haven't received an update.)

If you would like more information, please check their website on:
<https://au.elevateeducation.com/>

SCHOOL APP

Make sure you download the school app to have quick access to school information from your phone. Though the App you have instant access to useful school links such as QuickCliq (Canteen Order), Connect, our Newsletter, Website, Absentees line, Facebook, Change of Details Form, Payments, etc.

Once we have 90% uptake we will extend the use of the App.



GENERAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veteran's Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

Please see the 2021 Public School SAS Application Form for more information or call the school Finance Department for more information.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 1 April 2021

Ask School Reception for More Information

CERTIFICATE II PAYMENTS

In accordance with the Department of Education Contributions and Charges policy (Section 99 of the School Education Act 1999), Leeming Senior High School requests a 50% payment for each and every Certificate II qualification that students enrol in for Year 11 and Year 12 at Leeming Senior High School. Student participation is conditional to this payment.

Parents/Guardians are advised of this payment requirement through a note on their payment statement.

Any questions regarding this payment should be referred to the Leeming Senior High School Finance Office on 9237 6812.