

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Application closes Thursday, 1 April

Parents and guardians may be eligible to apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme of up to \$350.00 towards school expenses if they hold a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card,
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

GENERAL INFORMATION

The parent/guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid some time during Term 1. The only exception to this is when a student holds their own Health Care Card and has been declared independent by Centrelink (e.g. Living Away from Home). In this instance, a letter of confirmation from Centrelink needs to accompany the application.

Application forms are to be completed at the school. The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age i.e. students born in 2002 or before.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation. Eligible interstate or overseas students who are enrolled after first term may apply for the allowance.

Date of enrolment must be noted on the application.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Schools will receive the Educational Program Allowance of \$235 for Secondary Assistance recipients. The Allowance will be paid directly to the school for Year 11 and 12 students to cover course charges, in the first instance.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

The clothing allowance of \$115 will be paid to the parent/guardian unless indicated on the application form that they wish it to be paid to the school. If payment to the parent/guardian is requested, the payment will be deposited into the parent/guardian bank account. This can take between 8 to 12 weeks to receive this payment.

PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS

Once the form is completed by the parent/guardian, the school will forward either the electronic file to the Schools Resourcing and Support Directorate for processing whilst retaining the original form at the school or if completing applications manually, forward the original forms retaining a photocopy for the school records.

If you change any of your details supplied on the application form, please notify the 'Schools Resourcing and Support Directorate' as soon as possible on 9264 4516.

For more information on how to apply, please contact the College on 6207 5508 or email Mindarie.SC.Finance@education.wa.edu.au.