1. Education Resource Charge - (ERC)

The College Council has reviewed the various costs associated with the provision of essential materials and resources to students which are beyond the services for which the government provides funds. Most fees and charges are included into the one Education Resources Charge. Combining these items into one charge this reduces the overall cost to families by approximately 30%.

**Years 7 ERC - $250**

Payment of the compulsory ERC for Year 7 covers the cost of these items listed below:

- Supplementary Class and Homework Materials (including photocopied resources)
- Student ID Card
- Locker Hire
- Visiting Speakers and Performers
- Camps Subsidy
- Student Diary
- College Handbooks
- Swimming and Athletics Carnivals
- Printing (when start up allocation has been used)
- End of year activities subsidy
- Portfolio

**Years 8 & 9 ERC - $230**

Payment of the compulsory ERC for Years 8 & 9 covers the cost of these items listed below:

- Supplementary Class and Homework Materials (including photocopied resources)
- Student ID Card
- Locker Hire
- Visiting Speakers and Performers
- Camps Subsidy
- Student Diary
- College Handbooks
- Swimming and Athletics Carnivals
- Printing (when start up allocation has been used)
- End of year activities subsidy

**Years 10 to 12 ERC - $265**

Payment of the compulsory ERC for Years 10 to 12 covers the cost of these items listed below:

- Supplementary Class and Homework Materials (including photocopied resources)
- Student ID Card
- Locker Hire
- VCCA Information Handbook
- Graduation, Formals and camps subsidy
- VCE Special Program costs (visiting speakers program, Induction Day etc)
- College Handbooks
- Practice Exams
- Printing (when start up allocation has been used)
- Student Diary

*Please note* that parents will be required to pay at least 50% of the ERC prior to their child accessing the above materials and resources.

2. Subject Charges

- Subject Charges
  For some subjects, students are required to pay an additional charge to cover booklets, materials and activities. Students participating in Year 9 PE and Year 9 Elective PE will be invoiced activity charges for this subject. This information is available in Course Selection Handbooks and is detailed on each student’s Education Resource and Subject Charges invoice.

3. Other Known Costs

- Camps and Excursions
  Information about costs of compulsory camps and excursions will be included on the student invoice. Students may attend other activities / excursions related to their subjects throughout the year at an extra cost.

- Instrumental music
  Students who choose to participate in the Instrumental Music Program will be required to pay $45 per term for a 30 minute lesson per week or $60 per term for a 50 minute lesson per week.

4. Voluntary Contributions

The College asks families to support programs by making a voluntary contribution towards:

- the provision of extra computers and other IT resources
- the provision of supplementary resource materials including class sets of textbooks
- establishment of new programs
- the development of school grounds and facilities – Tax deductible
5. **Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

The EMA is available to parents/guardians that hold an eligible Health Care Card and the student is under 16 years of age.

Parents eligible for the **Education Maintenance Allowance (students under 16 years of age)** who have completed an EMA application and **signed this over to the school** may use this towards the ERC payment.

EMA application forms can be obtained from the General Office.

**Notes:**
1. The annual fees and charges will increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
2. Parents who donate their time and services to the school may have the charges reduced. Parents may assist on excursion supervision, interpreting, assisting in the library, gardening and photocopying. Please contact the College for further information.
3. When making payment, please complete and submit the **student invoice** to the General Office.

Fees and Charges for 2013 ratified by School Council on 15 August 2012