FEES AND CHARGES
2013

The St Albans Secondary College Council is committed to providing a high quality learning environment for all students. We believe that this makes a significant contribution to our students’ educational outcomes and to their enjoyment of their secondary school experience.

Over recent years, St Albans Secondary College has been working to expand the range of resources available to students, and to upgrade and improve the standard of the College facilities and grounds to meet the needs of our students and school community.

The College receives much of its funding through Government grants. However, these grants alone are not sufficient to provide the quality of facilities and programs we regard as essential for your child. The College Council also has a commitment to increase the level of financial support for our teaching programs to at least meet the cost increases experienced in the last twelve months. The funding to achieve these improvements must be raised locally by Council.

To assist the college to bridge the gap between funding and actual costs the College Council has approved four types of fees and charges.

1. Education Resource Charge

   The Education Resource Charge (ERC) that applies to all students. This charge is compulsory and is used towards the provision of essential materials and resources to the students which are beyond the services for which the government provides funds.

   - Year 7 - $250.00
   - Years 8 & 9 - $230.00
   - Years 10 to 12 - $265.00

2. Subject Year Level Charge – Various Fees

   The second type of charge is a specific Subject / Year Level Charge that is used for activities, such as VET/VCAL programs, activities and equipment that are required for a specific subject/year level. These are compulsory items that are associated with the provision of the subject or program that are beyond the scope of Government funds.

3. Other Known Costs – Various Fees

   Other known costs relate to activities and items that the students may participate in as part of their class and extracurricular activities. Payment is required for attendance and participation in these programs which may include camps, excursions, interschool sports, debating, instrumental music, and printing usage (once start up allocation has been used).

   Instrumental Music
   - $40 per term for a 30 minute session once a week
   - $65 per term for a 50 minute session once a week

4. Voluntary Contribution

   Families are invited to donate a Voluntary Contribution into the school’s building fund to use towards the improvement of facilities. This donation is Tax Deductible.