



2026 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

ADVICE TO PARENTS

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook serves as a comprehensive guide to the financial commitments associated with your child's education at East Kimberley College. As a school, we pride ourselves on providing high-quality education and empowering students to succeed. This is made possible through various funding sources. We deeply appreciate payments from each family towards the cost of their child's schooling. Payment of voluntary contributions and charges plays a pivotal role in supporting East Kimberley College, enabling us to enhance the overall learning experience for every student.

As a public school, East Kimberley College attracts a level of student-centred funding from the Department of Education. However, this funding is allocated toward the school's ongoing operational needs. These operational expenses include salaries of our highly qualified staff and the provision of essential services such as electricity, water, and gas, ensuring a safe and conducive learning environment for all our students. Contributions and charges are payable by parents/guardians, and these funds directly contribute to the availability of additional resources and state-of-the-art equipment in every classroom, further enriching the educational journey of each student.

It's important to note that all voluntary contributions, charges, and costs are endorsed by the East Kimberley College Board. They have been developed in accordance with the provisions outlined in the School Education Act 1999. The rates set for these contributions have been carefully determined to ensure the successful delivery of our comprehensive programs while simultaneously minimising the potential financial burden on our families.

We understand that fulfilling the school's financial commitments can sometimes present challenges. We want to assure you that we are here to support you every step of the way. Please feel free to reach out to our Manager of Corporate on (08) 9168 4400, who will be more than happy to work with you and develop a personalised action plan that suits your circumstances.

Thank you for being a part of our valued community, and we look forward to partnering with you in providing an exceptional educational experience for your child at East Kimberley College.

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2026 Term Dates for Students

SEMESTER 1

Term 1: Monday 2 February to Thursday 2 April

Term 2: Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

SEMESTER 2

Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December

Refer to the Department of Education website for updates on Term Dates
www.det.wa.edu.au/termdates

2026 School Development Days

There are six school development days where students do not attend.
Two of these days are before the school year commences for students.

These days are scheduled for:

Term 1: Thursday 29 January and Friday 30 January

Term 2: Monday 20 April

Term 3: Monday 20 July

Term 4: Monday 12 October, Friday 18 December

Payment Options

Parents/guardians can complete their payments through the various opportunities:

- **EFTPOS (credit card, debit card, AMEX) payment**
Available at school reception or over the telephone – 08 9168 4400
- **Bank Transfer**
BSB: 066 040
Account Number: 1990 0022
Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Account: East Kimberley College
Reference: Student Name
- **Cash** – payable to school reception
- **Office National** via booklist payment
- Payment plans can also be arranged by contacting our Manager of Corporate Services on eastkimberley.col@education.wa.edu.au



Financial Assistance

The Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) is available to low-income families with children enrolled in secondary schooling to assist with school expenses. Financial assistance is available for holders of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Pensioner's Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The allowance consists of two components:

- **\$235.00 Education Program Allowance**

Paid directly to the school to support payment of voluntary contributions and charges.

- **\$115.00 Clothing Allowance**

More information can be found at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/secondary-assistance-scheme>

Please do not hesitate to contact the College on 08 9168 4400 if you have any queries regarding contributions and charges or should you wish to discuss payment options or arrange a payment plan.

The College costing structure and tight budget relies heavily on prompt payment of voluntary contributions and charges.

2026 Contributions and Charges Schedule

The College Board has approved this schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2026. The Schedule is broken into four sections: voluntary contributions, voluntary approved request, personal items and extra cost options.

Voluntary Contributions

Where do contributions and charges go?

Some examples include ingredients in home economics, transport, photographic equipment and supplies, art materials, timber, metals, consumable tools, external instructors, sporting equipment, textbooks etc.

How much can be charged?

For students in Kindergarten to Year 6, the maximum voluntary contributions a school may charge is currently fixed at **\$60**. For Years 7 to 10, the maximum voluntary contributions a school may charge is currently fixed at **\$235**.

The Voluntary Contributions are distributed across learning areas to supplement expenditure as outlined in the following pages. However additional compulsory charges above that figure can be requested for consumable and extra resources.

Who should pay?

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected contributions and charges, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. All would agree that it is unfair for those parents who meet their financial commitments to be seen to subsidise the education of those students whose parents do not pay their contributions and charges. East Kimberley College is committed to an even-handed and responsible approach, meaning parents should make contributions towards their children's education.

Charges

Kindergarten – Year 6 There are no compulsory charges. There is an additional charge for years 1 to 6 for literacy books required to deliver the Spelling Mastery program.

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Elective Courses may attract a compulsory charge.

Year 11 & 12 are considered post-compulsory and therefore all charges are considered compulsory under the School Education Act 1999 and the School Education Regulations 2000. Whilst there is no maximum charge, the school will endeavour to keep costs to a minimum.

Other optional school-based activities address broad learning outcomes and for which there is a high cost – e.g. school social events, excursions, camps, carnivals, etc. A maximum cost for these has been listed, and parents only pay if students take part. These costs will be collected throughout the year as the activities arise.

Additional Voluntary Approved Requests

Payment of the voluntary approved requests enriches the learning program for students at the College. East Kimberley College does not receive funding for these services through other means, meaning they are reliant on contributions from parents/guardians. The College Board has approved the following requests:

Information Technology / Digital Subscriptions \$20

The College provides desktop computers in designated classrooms throughout the school to ensure all students have access to current technologies. A voluntary request of \$5.00 per student is sought to contribute to the costs of site licences for specialist software including Mathletics and Education Perfect.

Parents & Citizens (P&C) Contribution \$40

The East Kimberley College P&C seeks your continued support for 2025 by requesting a contribution of \$5.00 per student. Membership of the P & C Association is \$1.00 per family and is payable at P&C Meeting's. All parents are welcome to attend meetings.

School Environment / Building Fund \$20

The Student Environment and Building Fund allows East Kimberley College to directly enhance the learning environment for our students. Contributions to this fund will currently be directed toward upgrading and improving the primary playgrounds, creating more engaging and enriching spaces for our younger students to enjoy and explore.

Chaplaincy \$20

The Chaplaincy Contribution helps fund a range of upcoming projects that aim to improve the overall student experience and school facilities. These projects are carefully selected to address the evolving needs of our school community, fostering a better learning environment for all. Your support plays a key role in making these initiatives possible.

Please support the College by paying these contributions.

Personal Items

It is essential for students to bring their required stationery to school every day to ensure they can fully participate in class activities.

Please note that stationery items are not available for purchase at the College. You can purchase these items as outlined in the Booklist, available from Office National or any supplier of your choice. The Booklists can be viewed on the College website at

www.eastkimberleycollege.wa.edu.au/news-events/publications-communications/books-lists/.

Charges for Extra Cost Optional Activities

The College is required to provide parents and guardians with an estimated maximum of anticipated additional costs for students before the start of the school year. Please note that these services, facilities, and activities are not guaranteed and may not take place during the school year. The estimated costs represent an upper limit, and charges will not exceed the amounts listed. If a specific event does not occur, no charges will apply for that event.

Charges are applicable for optional activities that incur extra costs beyond what is covered by regular contributions. All activities listed below are optional, and if payment is not made, an alternative educational activity will be provided for your child.

The School Board has approved the 2025 optional activity charges. As with all estimates, these costs are capped at the upper limit and will not exceed the stated amounts. If an event does not occur during the year, no charges will be applied for that activity.

Payment for these optional charges is not required when settling contributions. When extra-cost optional activities are organized, payment will be requested prior to the event.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Kindergarten To Year 6

These contributions are used to supplement the funding our school receives from the government. They are used to maintain and improve the resources available to your child/ren. The funds are used in a variety of curriculum areas including:

Course	Voluntary Contribution \$	Compulsory Charge \$
English	5	
Year 1 Literacy Book		20
Years 2 to 6 Literacy Book		25
Mathematics	5	
Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS)	5	
Science	5	
Technologies	10	
Physical Education	10	
Health	5	
Languages	5	
The Arts	10	
Maximum Voluntary Contributions	60	
Voluntary Approved requests		
IT / Digital Subscriptions, P&C, School Environment / Building Fund (Tax Deductible), Chaplaincy and ITC Photocopying	100	
Sub Total	160	
TOTAL Contributions and Charges	\$185	

Please support the College by paying these contributions.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Year 7 and 8

The College is requesting a voluntary contribution of \$235 for each Year 7 and 8 student towards the cost of materials, resources and facilities used by students in the educational program.

Payment of voluntary contributions enriches your child's learning experiences and opportunities.

Course		Voluntary Contribution \$
English		30
Mathematics		30
Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS)		30
Science		30
Physical Education		20
Health		10
The Arts and Technologies <i>Students study 4 options per year</i>	Media	18.75/ each
	Visual Arts	
	Performing Arts	
	Home Economics	
	Design & Technology	
	Digital Technology	
Other	Languages	20
Maximum Voluntary Contributions		235
Voluntary Approved requests IT / Digital Subscriptions, P&C, School Environment / Building Fund (Tax Deductible), Chaplaincy and ITC Photocopying.		100
TOTAL Contributions and Charges		\$335

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Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Year 9 and 10

The College is requesting a voluntary contribution of \$235 per Year 9 and 10 student to help cover the cost of materials, resources, and facilities used in the educational program. These contributions support a range of essential classroom items, such as; textbooks, novels, dictionaries, small equipment, and physical education resources.

By paying the voluntary contribution, you directly enhance your child's learning experience and the opportunities available to them.

Course		Voluntary Contribution \$
English		20
Mathematics		20
Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS)		20
Science		20
Physical Education		20
Health		10
The Arts & Technologies <i>Students study 4 options per year</i>	Outdoor Education	28.75/each
	Specialised Sport	
	Media	
	Photography	
	Visual Arts	
	Cooking	
	D&T Woodwork	
	D&T Metalwork	
Other	Clubs Options	10
Maximum Voluntary Contributions		235
Voluntary Approved requests IT / Digital Subscriptions, P&C, School Environment / Building Fund, ITC Photocopying, School Board		100
TOTAL Contributions and Charges		\$335

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Contributions and Charges

Year 11 and 12

This is based on subject selection. In accordance with the department of education contributions, charges and fees policy, payment of charges for all courses of study in Years 11 and 12 is **compulsory**. The following courses will be offered face-to-face in 2025.

Learning Area	Subject	Voluntary Approved Request Contribution \$	Compulsory Additional Charges \$
English	English: Foundations		70
	English: Essentials (General)		70
	English (ATAR)		70
Mathematics	Mathematics: Foundation		80
	Mathematics: Essentials (General)		80
	Mathematics Methods (ATAR)		80
	Mathematics Applications (ATAR)		80
Science	Chemistry (ATAR)		120
	Human Biology (ATAR)		120
	Biology (ATAR)		120
	Psychology (ATAR)		120
HASS	Geography (General)		80
	Business Management and Enterprise (General)		80
Physical Education	Physical Education Studies (General/ATAR)		100
	Outdoor Education (General)		220
	Endorsed Program: Recreational Pursuits		120
	Health Studies (ATAR)		100
Technologies	D&T Materials: Wood		150
	D&T Materials: Metals		150
	Food Science and Technology		150
	Applied Information Technology		80
The Arts	Media (General)		120
	Endorsed Program: Arts		120
	Endorsed Program: Media		120
Voluntary Approved Requests: IT / Digital Subscriptions, P&C, School Environment / Building Fund (Tax Deductible), Chaplaincy and ITC Photocopying		100	

Please note that the amounts listed above are specific to East Kimberley College. Courses delivered through SIDE (Schools of Isolated and Distance Education) may have different charges.

For SIDE students, additional fees may apply to cover the cost of educational materials provided via post or telecommunications. These fees are set by SIDE, not East Kimberley College, and can be viewed on the SIDE website: www.side.wa.edu.au.

Personal Use Items (Stationery)

The list of Personal Items for student use (as per the Year level) have been approved by the School Board. Students will need the items for personal use to complete the educational programs provided by this school.

Please note, these items can be purchased from a supplier of your own choice. Quoted prices have been provided by the P&C preferred supplier, Office National. The College has undertaken a comprehensive review of these personal use items and have only included items deemed necessary to commence the school year with. These prices are for the complete list and should be used as a guide only as they will vary depending on where items are purchased.

Parents/Caregivers are responsible for ensuring that their children's resources are replenished on a needs basis.

These prices do not include your Voluntary Contributions outlined above. Refer to the College website for the Personal Use Item lists: www.eastkimberleycollege.wa.edu.au/news-events/publications-communications/books-lists/

Year Level	Amount
Kindergarten	\$74.20
Pre-Primary	\$172.19
Year 1	\$221.64
Year 2	\$225.49
Year 3	\$181.40
Year 4	\$220.10
Year 5	\$217.80
Year 6	\$226.35
Year 7 - 8	\$113.70
Year 9 - 10	\$113.70
Year 11 -12	\$118.44

Charges for Extra Cost Optional Activities

Activity	Collected as events occur (maximum cost per student)
Visiting Artists/Performers (Kindergarten to Year 12)	\$ 40.00
Various activities are subsidised by the school throughout the year. There are usually 4-5 performances/activities each year. On most occasions students are charged \$3.00 depending on activity. The maximum annual cost will be \$40.00.	
Excursions (Kindergarten to Year 12)	\$ 250.00
The School Board recognises the value of excursions for students and seeks to support teachers who coordinate them as part of their teaching programs. Up to 2 excursions per term per class may occur. Excursions for the purposes of this document are defined as outings that do not include an overnight stay.	
Bus Usage	\$ 100.00
To provide bus transport to local excursions/events	
Special Academic, Arts and Sporting Camps	\$ 2000.00
The maximum charge for any single event is \$1800.00 per student. These events may include Country Week, Kimberley Cup, Tournament of the Minds, other Inter-school Competitions, arts programs, and may involve travel intrastate or interstate.	
Year Level Camps	\$ 1200.00
White Card (TAFE Course)	\$ 100.00
Portfolio Consumables (Secondary)	\$ 10.00
Gifted and Talented Program	\$ 125.00
Some costs for materials may be incurred by students who are invited to participate in Gifted and Talented programs.	
Instrumental Music	\$160.00
The school offers Instrumental studies for students in Years 4 – 7 on completion of recorder studies. Students involved in the school wind ensemble who use school instruments are charged a fee of \$40 per term - \$4.00/week – this covers instrument hire. (Fee is not paid by students who have their own instruments).	
Senior School Ball (Year 11 to Year 12)	\$120.00
This costing is for entry and meal only and does not include suit hire, ball gown etc.	
Year 6 Graduation	\$100.00
Year 6 Graduation Night event	\$ 50.00
Year 6 Graduation bear	\$ 20.00
Year 6 Graduation Shirt	\$ 40.00
Additional Uniform Items	
Faction Shirt	\$ 35.00
Student council or choir or Band	\$ 35.00 each
Year 12 Leavers Jacket	\$120.00
School Photos	Paid directly to company

Please note the charges outlined above ensure students have the resources needed to achieve the learning outcomes for each area. In some subjects, students may choose to collaborate with staff on projects that involve material costs beyond the standard allocation. In such cases, additional charges may apply.