2016 MATERIALS and SERVICES CHARGES

Each year the Salisbury East High School Governing Council approve the Materials and Services Charges. For 2016, the Governing Council has approved Materials and Services Charges of $350 for SEAL students and $435 for all other students at this school. Every effort has been made by the Governing Council to keep the Materials and Services Charges as low as possible and Governing Council believes the Materials and Services Charges are very competitive and represent excellent value for money.

Additional charges will be made for items and activities that are not considered essential for the student to complete the curricular course e.g. extra or optional resources, equipment and project materials. See page 3 for details for some of these.

This year the Governing Council conducted 2 Polls to determine the legally recoverable amounts of the Governing Council approved 2016 Materials and Services Charges. Both of these polls have been successful with the majority of votes received supporting the Governing Council. This means the compulsory 2016 Materials and Services Charges are the Governing Council approved $350 for SEAL students and $435 for all other students. By voting and supporting to increase the legally recoverable amounts to the Governing Council approved amounts you enable the school to continue to enhance the learning experiences of our students with innovative programs and eLearning opportunities.

Students with School Card approval will still have their compulsory $303 Materials and Services Charges paid by DECD.

The 2016 Materials and Services Charges include:
- School Diary and ID card
- Access to text and e-books
- Access to Student Information Technology and curriculum equipment
- Curriculum supplies and services
- Library resources including access to borrowing library resources

Invoices will be posted to you mid January 2016. Payment in full is required by 3:00pm on Friday 15 April 2016 unless an instalment plan is approved. Payment options are detailed on page 2.

We trust the information in this newsletter will assist all parents/caregivers with their budgeting for their 2016 educational expenses.
PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Finance Officer, Vicki Steel, is available to discuss individual requirements by phoning the school on 82582070

- School Card application - see note below.
- Online Payment - see note below.
- Cash, credit card, EFTPOS, cheque and money order at the Front Office - see page 1 for cashier times.
- Payment by credit card using the remittance advice on the invoice & post to PO Box 691, Elizabeth SA 5112.
- Payment by instalments via Direct Debit from your bank account or credit card - see note below.
- Centrepay - see note below.
- Payment by instalments by all the above methods on application. Form available on the school website.

Direct Debit Instalments

The direct debit instalment facility enables parents to complete an agreement with the school for the school to deduct an agreed amount each week, fortnight or month, from the parent’s nominated bank account or credit/debit card, until the full debt is paid. The form will be sent with the 2016 invoice and is also available on the school website.

CENTRE PAY

Centrepay is a direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving amounts from Centrelink. Centrepay customers can choose to pay their bills by having an amount regularly deducted from their Centrelink payments and paid directly to the school on their behalf.
Forms are available at the Front Office or Centrelink.

ONLINE PAYMENT

The Bizgate online payment system is accessed via the school’s website: www.sehs.sa.edu.au. Please note only Visa and MasterCard credit cards can be used. Payments can be made in full or by instalments using this facility. Detailed information will be sent with the 2016 Materials & Charges invoice.

2016 SCHOOL CARD

School Card assistance must be applied for every year and an application form must be lodged at every school you have students enrolled.

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance, to parent/caregivers who meet the eligibility criteria, with educational expenses for students attending government schools including: school fees (materials and service charges), uniforms, camps and excursions.

School Card assistance is available for:
- families with children aged four years and over who attend a school full-time
- independent full time years 10 or 11 students who are studying six subjects
- independent full time year 12 students who are studying five subjects
- adult re-entry students undertaking DECD funded subjects at a government school.

Eligibility for 2016 School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined gross family income. Gross family income does not include any amounts received for:
- family tax benefits parts A and B
- child maintenance payments
- totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) component of veteran’s affairs benefits
- carer allowance.


2016 School Card application forms will be available from the Front Office and the School’s website from Monday 25th January 2016 Your Centrelink Card and/or any other relevant information is helpful when completing the application form.

Approved 2016 School Card applicants are credited with $303.00 to cover the 2016 Materials and Services Charges for each qualifying student.

School Card approved parents/caregivers are asked to consider paying the voluntary balance of the 2016 Materials and services Charges of $132.00. An easy payment scheme exists that can support parents/caregivers who choose to make this important contribution.

REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOLCARD?
Ring the School Card Officer on Freecall: 1800 672 758
**STATIONERY**

All students will be provided with a SEHS diary. **All students are required to supply the stationery items listed on the insert.** The stationery items listed on the insert are not an exhaustive list and students may have to purchase additional items during the year. Please note the school can not purchase these items from our suppliers anywhere near as cheaply as you can from the Back to School campaigns operated by most discount stores or office suppliers in the period leading up to the commencement of the school year.

To assist you with these purchases we have partnered with Staples Australia Pty Limited to provide another option being an online purchasing facility at reduced prices for all the items listed on the Stationery Requirement List and you are also able to add other products from outside the Stationery Requirement List in your order. Your items will be delivered straight to your door free of charge. You are able to input delivery instructions detailing the delivery date and that no items are to be left on your door step. If you are not at home a card will be put in your letterbox.

**How to order:**
2. Type in our School’s ID which is 546707
3. Chose the Year level to access the list of items.
4. Follow the prompts to place your order

For more information, there are FAQs on the website or contact Staples Back to School customer service team on 1800 268 625.

**LOCKER PADLOCK**

For security reasons students are issued with a high quality combination padlock if they have a student locker. Students are not to provide their own padlock because of difficulties encountered with lost keys, poor quality locks and damage to lockers.

If students lose or damage their padlocks they need to purchase another one for $20.00 (GST inclusive).

**OPTIONAL FIRST AID COURSE**

Year 12 (Stage 2) Health Education recommends students do the Senior First Aid Certificate. Though not compulsory this course will provide a useful learning experience for students. This optional course is run by an outside provider and the 2016 cost is $80.00 (GST free). Students will need to pay in advance for this course; unless payment or a written commitment to pay has been received the student will not do this optional first aid course.

**OPTIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT HIRE**

The hire of a School music instrument is optional and if you choose to hire your musical instrument from the school this allows the student to take the instrument off site to use at any time; this includes the holiday periods within the hire period. A 4 term period may not coincide with the calendar year.

You will be charged a Music Instrument Hire charge of $35 (GST free) per term or part thereof unless the School requests a student to do a different instrument to which they are currently studying; in this case the charge will be reduced to $25 a term or part thereof (29% discount). You will also be required to sign an Instrument/Equipment Hire Agreement. Music instruments will not be allocated to students until this agreement is signed.

**OPTIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING - COMMITMENT FEE**

Students doing a VET course are required to commit to completing the course. A minimum contribution of $100.00 is required for each course. Additional costs may apply for some courses, please contact the VET Coordinator. Unless payment or a written commitment to pay has been received the student will not do a VET course.

**2016 TECHNOLOGY PLANS**

In 2016 SEHS will continue to implement our IT plans and vision of *Learning Anywhere, Anytime* to improve engagement and achievement in learning. **All students will be required to bring their own device to school** and will be able to have access to the school software and facilities from home and school.

**Year 10, 11 and 12 students:**

Senior students will be able to hire school netbooks for personal study requirements for a $100 non-refundable charge. Documents will be distributed to interested families in the first week of the new school year. Senior students may also bring their own computing devices to school for learning purposes.
SEHS BUILDING FUND:
Salisbury East High School has a tax deductible gift recipient Building Fund. If you make a donation to this Fund you can claim it as a tax deduction in the tax year that you make the payment.
We encourage parents to support further site improvements to maintain our high standard of learning environments and assist with financing new developments (eg Gym and kitchen upgrades).

Why Purchase a Scientific Calculator?

At SEHS, teachers of Mathematics believe that the use of Scientific Calculators within the curriculum is an essential learning tool vital for building confidence and developing numeracy skills. We also recognise that whilst it is not appropriate to use them in every situation, it is essential that we expose them to various technologies, tools and techniques necessary to solve problems in the real world!

Some food for thought:

The intention is that students use calculators to extend their mathematical capability, solve mathematical problems of interest to them, and as a support for learning. This need not adversely affect their development of appropriate mental and written computational skills.

Students can use calculators to check their own answers to mental and written computations

Students are able to complete homework quickly and confidently

Scientific calculators allow students to perform calculations well beyond their mental and written computational ability – thus allowing them greater access to mathematical fields and concepts

Calculators can build up students’ number sense by providing them with a rich mathematical environment in which to explore

Teachers will teach effective calculator use and provide suggestions on how to use calculators wisely!

Teachers will not encourage students to rely on calculators wholly and solely. Over-reliance on a calculator is NOT a good thing … so rest assured that students will be taught sound numeracy skills with and without a calculator!

Calculators are used in almost every trade and many other occupations including building and construction, plumbing, mechanics and electrical to name a few…

We suggest the Casio fx-82AUPlusII which can be purchased from ABACUS Calculators on-line for a special price of $22 (GST inclusive). Please see attached for more details.

The purchase of a Scientific Calculator is an investment in your child’s success in Mathematics!

Yvette Riley