

# Book Hire

## Book Hire Program

The Book Hire Program of Highvale Secondary College is a unique feature of the school that has been developed by College Council to reduce the cost of obtaining text books. Each year Parents/Guardians are asked to provide \$102 (2008 charge) which pays for the use of text books for the whole year. Students are issued these books by their class teacher within the first few lessons. At the end of the year, students are asked to return these books.

Generally speaking, in other schools, parents are asked to purchase their text books through various book suppliers. This usually costs in the vicinity of \$300 or higher for VCE students.

## Fees and Charges (approved by College Council for 2008)

The Department of Education and Training provides funding to each school to allocate their resources. There are additional educational materials or services that parents can be expected to provide or pay the school to provide. For example, text books, individual student requisites, major materials used in classes such as Technology and Art stationary and school uniform. Each year the College Council reviews its school budget and sets voluntary fees and charges as well as elective material charges.

## Voluntary Fees and Charges

Students materials and Requisites (stationary not included)	\$175.00
Locker maintenance	\$15.00
Year Book	\$18.00
College Building Fund****	\$60.00
Learning Technologies Library Computer Fund****	\$70.00
Grounds Maintenance & Improvement****	\$35.00

\*\*\*\*These funds are tax deductible under Section 781(a)(XV) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

The elective material charges are listed against each subject in the Course Prospectus Handbooks distributed to parents, as part of the course selection process. The College Council is keen to minimise the financial burden on families and recognises that the contribution by parents over the years has been a significant factor in ensuring the success of Highvale.

## EMA and parent contributions

Where parents experience difficulties in providing or paying for these materials and services a range of support strategies are available, including access for eligible families to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). There are strict rules regarding the timing of EMA applications and parents need to ensure that they contact the General Office so that this information can be passed on.