

<b>Charging Policy</b>	
Person Responsible:	Business and Finance Manager
Date of Policy:	February 2025
Next review date:	February 2026
<b>Rationale</b>	
Great Oaks College intends to be clear about when charges may be made to parents/carers of students attending the College.	
<b>Aims</b>	
<p>This policy identifies activities for which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voluntary contributions may be requested</li> <li>- Charges will not be made</li> <li>- Charges will be made</li> </ul>	
<b>Procedure</b>	
<p><u>Voluntary Contributions</u></p> <p>Separately from the matter of charging, the College may seek voluntary contributions to offer a wide variety of experiences to students. All requests for voluntary contributions will emphasises their voluntary nature and the fact that students of parents/carers who do not make such contributions will be treated no differently from those who have.</p> <p>At Great Oaks College we currently request voluntary contributions from parents/carers for cooking activities. Whilst the majority of College outings are funded from the College budget, a minority of trips where there is a significant entrance fee, parents/carers are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of tickets.</p> <p><u>Activities for which charges are not made</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most trips and visits</li> <li>- Examination entries</li> <li>- Therapies provided during College hours as indicated as a need in a student's Education Health Care Plan</li> <li>- Transport for curriculum activities including travel training (however parents/carers should apply for freedom passes and send these in with the student).</li> <li>- Use of public facilities used during enrichment activities</li> <li>- Materials used during curriculum activities</li> </ul> <p><u>Snacks</u></p> <p>Students may bring in money/card to purchase snacks from our cafe during break times.</p>	


Activities for which charges may be made for

- Residential and some other trips made outside College hours
- College lunches where a student is not eligible for free College meals
- Purchases of non-mandatory uniform

All payments received will be recorded and an acknowledgement provided to parents/carers.

Information regarding the Bursary Policy is available on the website.

Any exception to this policy would require agreement from the Principal.

Approved by Board of Trustees	
Print Name	Killian O'Sullivan
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Date Agreed	8/7/2025