

## Forster Campus Fees and Payments Policy

Dear Parents/Carers

**Great Lakes College Forster Campus** strongly supports the principles of Public Education. Financial hardship should not affect a student's educational outcomes.

Elective courses, Sport, excursions and other extra-curricular activities, however, require financial contributions in order to run. GLC Forster Campus will make every effort to ensure that low or no cost options are available to students, and facilitate a variety of payment options to reduce financial pressure on families.

**Voluntary Contribution:** The voluntary General Contribution fee is set in consultation with the P&C. Parents are encouraged to pay the voluntary contribution of \$70 per year. The voluntary contribution is used for technology resources for all students. We encourage all parents/carers to pay this fee.

**Subject Fees:** Subject fees for electives, Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory and Year 8 Visual Art, are used to purchase consumable items to extend the experience for each student, so an early payment of these fees would be of benefit to each student. The school will ensure that no fee or low fee electives are available.

**Sport Fees:** Sport fees are used to meet the cost of transport and venue and/or specialist coach hire. The Sport Co-ordinator shall ensure there are low and no fee Sport options for students.

**Replacement costs for lost or damaged borrowed resources:** Students are responsible for the replacement cost of texts and equipment they have borrowed and are damaged or not returned.

**Excursions:** Excursions are designed to enrich a student's educational experience. Costs can be expensive although every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum. Payments must be met by the stated deadline, if the excursion is to proceed.

**How to pay** you can now make an electronic payment for fees from our website. Just click on the "\$ MAKE A PAYMENT" button on the navigation bar and follow the instructions. Parents can access the school website at: <http://www.glcforster-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/electronic-payment-for-fees>.

Cash payments are still accepted at the cashier's office between 8am and 3pm school days.

**Payment Options** available to assist families meet their educational costs include:

- **Payment Plans:** are encouraged to assist families meet fee obligations. Regular contributions will be seen as evidence in determining whether a student is eligible to attend an excursion or event, or whether they are eligible to select a course. **A regular payment of \$10 per week** over the year will usually meet all elective and Sport fees and contribute toward excursion costs.
- **Abstudy and Youth Allowance** payments can be used for school fees.
- **Student Assistance:** in cases of financial hardship, may be sought for Mandatory Subject fees, Sport fees, and elective course fees. Assistance may also be sought for excursions. Application forms shall be available from the Cashier. The Principal shall assess student assistance applications and may grant all or some of the claim.

The full GLC Forster Campus Fee Policy can be obtained from the school.

Yours sincerely

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Principal