

2024 College Charges & Contributions

**Includes information on
Allowances and Assistance**

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COLLEGE FEES, CHARGES & CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

ACCEPTANCE DEPOSIT

- The deposit of \$200.00 which was payable upon receipt of the Offer of Acceptance from the College 2023, will be credited against 1st term fees and charges 2024.

RESIDENTIAL BOARDING FEES

Boarding fees are levied by the Department of Education on an annual basis.

To assist parent/caregivers these are divided into three instalments, payable at the beginning of each of the first three terms.

In 2024 these fees will be \$9330.00.

- First instalment \$3110 - On or before 31st January 2024
- Second instalment \$3110 - On or before 15th April 2024
- Third instalment \$3110 - On or before 15th July 2024

All instalments of residential fees must be cleared or a payment plan negotiated by 15th July 2024 for students to continue in residence in Semester Two.

If students are eligible for Assistance for Isolated Children Allowance and parent/caregivers have directed payments to the College, a copy of Services Australia's (formerly Centrelink) Summary of Payments must be provided to enable the necessary adjustments to student's fees.

Failure to clear all outstanding accounts from Year 10 or Year 11 will result in residency being denied at the commencement of Year 11 or Year 12 unless prior repayment arrangements have been made with the Principal.

NB: Students may attend the education programme as a day student should residential status be denied.

SUBJECT CHARGES & PERSONAL ITEMS

Parent/caregivers will be issued with an itemised invoice. This should be paid upon commencement of the course (**due by Wednesday 31st January 2024**) unless an arrangement has been made with the College.

BONDS

A refundable Student Bond of \$250.00 Residential, \$100 Day Student is included in School Fees.

College Administration may draw on this to cover emergency transport fares, wilful damage or other contingencies.

BOARDING AGREEMENT

WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin requires that all parent/caregivers read the Statement of Boarding and complete the Boarding Agreement form and return it to the College.

REFUNDS

ACCEPTANCE DEPOSIT REFUND - \$200

The acceptance deposit is fully refunded in the event of a written withdrawal being received prior to the start of term one.

REFUND OF RESIDENTIAL BOARDING FEES AND COURSE CHARGES

If a student leaves the College through their own choice or through termination of residency, fees remain payable for the number of weeks the student has been in residence. Parent/caregivers will be refunded the excess if applicable on a pro rata basis. If a student ceases the educational or training program at the College, pro rata of Charges less the percentage of Government subsidy will be refunded to parent/caregivers according to the time of the year.

The Fees Refund Policy is consistent with the Department of Education policies.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The following payment options are available at the College:

- Direct Deposit - Account name: Narrogin Agricultural College, BSB: 066522, Account: 00900281
Please ensure that the student's name is used as the reference for all Direct Deposits.
- EFTPOS / Credit Card facilities available or payments can be made over the phone.
- Cash/Cheque - made payable to **Narrogin Agricultural College**

RESIDENTIAL COSTS 2024

Year 10, 11 & 12

Acceptance Deposit Credited against first term fees and charges	\$200.00
Residential Boarding Fees Meals, laundry and accommodation	
Boarding Fees – 1 st Instalment due 31/01/2024	\$3110.00
Boarding Fees – 2 nd Instalment due 15/04/2024	\$3110.00
Boarding Fees – 3 rd Instalment due 15/07/2024	\$3110.00
Total for Residential Boarding Fees	\$9330.00

Other Optional Residential Charges

Where students participate payment is required.

Bus charges – residential activities	\$80.00
Residential Activities (unused portion refunded at the end of year 12)	\$150.00

Bonds

Residential Bond (paid on initial entry to the College)

\$250.00 (refundable)

Voluntary Approved Requests

Chaplaincy / Pastoral Care	\$50.00
Health Supplies	\$20.00
IT Equipment and support or IT Equipment and support plus sole use of 1:1 Laptop and access outside of school hours <i>(Payment for this option is due prior to the issue of the Laptop)</i>	\$100.00 \$285.00
Newspapers, magazines	\$20.00
P & C Contributions	\$100.00
Reach System	\$30.00
Recreational Equipment	\$100.00

DAY STUDENT COSTS 2024

Year 10, 11 & 12

Acceptance Deposit Credited against first term fees and charges	\$200.00
Meal Charges Day student lunch and morning tea Additional meals charged at \$3.00 per meal	\$700.00
Bonds Day student Bond (paid on initial entry to College)	\$100.00 (refundable)

Other Optional Charges

Day students attending residential activities will be invoiced on a participation basis.

Voluntary Approved Requests

Chaplaincy / Pastoral Care	\$30.00
Health Supplies	\$10.00
IT Equipment and support or IT Equipment and support plus sole use of 1:1 Laptop and access outside of school hours <i>(Payment for this option is due prior to the issue of the Laptop)</i>	\$100.00 \$285.00
Newspapers, magazines	\$20.00
P & C Contributions	\$100.00
Reach System	\$10.00

OTHER OPTIONAL CHARGES 2024

Other Optional Charges/ Courses

Will be invoiced on a participation basis

Agistment of student's horse	\$500.00 per 10 week term
Use of College horse after hours	\$15.00 per session
Recreational equine shows and events not related to a qualification – entry fees and transport as required.	Not more than \$150.00 each
Defensive Driver Training (L plate or higher) – Year 11 students	Not more than \$180.00
Ag Wing Carnival	Not more than \$150.00
College Ball	Not more than \$150.00
Country Week	Not more than \$700.00
Drone Course TBC	Not more than \$4000.00
Excursions	Not more than \$200.00 each
Leadership Team Building	Not more than \$280.00
Leaver's File (Year 12 only)	Not more than \$50.00
Leaver's Clothing (Year 12 only)	Not more than \$200.00
Leaver's USB (Year 12 only)	Not more than \$100.00
Graduation Sash (Year 12 only)	Not more than \$50.00
Overseas, interstate and intrastate tour	Not more than \$5500.00
Royal Show	Not more than \$600.00
Skid Steer Course	Not more than \$450.00
Subscriptions for College teams in local sporting competitions may be paid to the College and will be forwarded to the association	Between \$100.00 - \$400.00
Private Transport charges – for non-approved leave (one way to/from Narrogin during business hours)	\$30.00
Transport to and pickup from Perth and airport for closed weekends and holidays.	\$20.00 each way
College Sports Bag	\$65.00
Yearbook	Not more than \$40.00
Year 10 Dinner/Dance	Not more than \$50.00
Year 10 Camp/Excursion	Not more than \$280.00
Year 11 Camp/Excursion	Not more than \$280.00
Year 12 Camp/Excursion	Not more than \$280.00
Year 11/12 ATAR Excursion	Not more than \$280.00
ATAR Study Tour	Not more than \$150.00
ATAR Industry Tour	Not more than \$150.00 - \$170.00
Careers Event	Not more than \$20.00
Additional White Card	Not more than \$20.00

FINES

In the event of vandalism or willful damage students will be charged for repair or replacement of the item.
In the event of misuse of the fire alarm system leading to the Fire Brigade attendance students will be charged \$1300.00, DFES charge (Department of Fire & Emergency Services).

Entrance charges are additional in some optional courses.

Bank Account Details for Direct Deposit

Narrogin Agricultural College
Commonwealth Bank Narrogin
BSB 066 522 A/C 00900281

Please ensure that the student's name is used as the reference for all Direct Deposits

CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS 2024 YEAR 10

Course	Voluntary Contributions
Australian Curriculum English	\$45.00
Australian Curriculum Maths	\$45.00
Australian Curriculum Science	\$50.00
Australian Curriculum HASS	\$45.00
Health and Physical Education	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$235.00

Extra Optional Courses	Extra Optional Course Cost
Agriculture Farm based	\$100.00
Automotive	\$61.25
Furniture Making	\$89.20
Construction	\$130.80
Engineering	\$104.50
TOTAL	\$485.75

Other Optional Charges

Where students participate payment is required.

Bus Charges – subject related excursions	\$50.00
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Please note:
An itemised template invoice will be sent
directly to parent/caregivers.

Year 10 Text Books

**Class set (hire) is incorporated
into the Voluntary Contributions**

CHARGES 2024

YEAR 11 & 12

Course	Year 11 ATAR	Year 11 General/Foundation	Year 12 ATAR	Year 12 General/Foundation
Agricultural Science & Technology	\$40.00	NA	NA for 2024	NA for 2024
Agribusiness	\$40.00	NA	NA for 2024	NA for 2024
Animal Production Systems	-	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
English	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Physical Education	-	\$50.00	-	\$50.00
Cert II in Farm including LMS	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Maths	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Plant Production Systems	-	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Whitecard	\$150.00	\$150.00	New students only	New students only
Senior First Aid if not current	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$185.00

Note: Students in Year 11 General/Foundation will select two courses from Animal Production Systems, Plant Production Systems or Physical Education

Trade Options	Year 11 Cost	Year 12 Cost
Automotive	\$244.00	\$244.00
Construction	\$286.95	\$286.95
Furniture Making	\$348.35	\$270.00
Engineering	\$303.80	\$270.00

Note: Trades personal projects materials will be costed out and billed to students separately.
Students in Year 11/12 will select two qualifications.

Other Course Options	Cost
Certificate III in Advanced Wool Handling, Year 12 only	Not more than \$100.00

Other Optional Charges

Where students participate payment is required.

Bus Charges – subject related excursions	\$50.00
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Please note:
An itemised template invoice incorporating course selections will be sent directly to parent/caregivers.

Year 11 & 12 Text Books

Text Books can be ordered online through Campion Education (list provided).

Alternately parent/caregivers can source books through other suppliers.

SUMMARY OF ALLOWANCES AVAILABLE

Please refer to following pages for further details of these allowances.

Assistance for Isolated Children

AIC aims to assist the parent/caregivers of children who can't go to a local state school. This could be because of geographical isolation, disability or special needs.

It is the College's preference that the AIC Allowance is sent directly to the College.

2024 Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA) - \$1,389 (Assistance for Isolated Children)

Recipients of an AIC Boarding or Second Home Allowance are eligible for this allowance. Students receiving Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Allowance are **not** eligible for this allowance. The College distributes the Boarding Away from Home applications to those eligible for AIC Boarding and Second Home Allowance.

Youth Allowance

Is available to students from the age of 16.

ABSTUDY

Offers financial assistance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

- 2024 Abstudy Supplement Allowance - \$79.00.
- This funding supplements the Services Australia Abstudy Fees Allowance payment.

2024 Boarding Away from Home Allowance – Agricultural College Special Subsidy \$1,389

This allowance **cannot be** claimed if the student is receiving:

- AIC from Services Australia
- Youth Allowance at the Away from Home rate (the standard rate of Youth Allowance is acceptable)
- Abstudy Boarding (if full boarding paid by Services Australia)

Application forms will be emailed to parent/caregivers in January 2024.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

- \$115.00 - Clothing Allowance (paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school)
- \$235.00 - Education Program Allowance (paid directly to school)

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/caregiver must hold a Services Australia or Veteran's Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

Road Travel Subsidy

The Student Subsidised Travel Scheme provides travel assistance to school and tertiary students. There are two main types of assistance:

- A fares allowance which may be payable to students who live in the defined remote area of Western Australia.
- A road travel subsidy payable for students living anywhere within Western Australia.

To be eligible for either type of assistance, students must either be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent residency visa and meet certain eligibility criteria.

Parent(s) / Caregivers are responsible for any boarding fees not covered by allowances.

ALLOWANCES FOR STUDENTS

BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

2024 Boarding Away From Home Allowance (BAHA) – for Isolated Children

The Western Australian Department of Education makes available a student Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA) to families with children who are attending primary and/or secondary school.

The allowance for 2024 for the full year is \$1,389 subject to confirmation that you have received the Commonwealth Government Services Australia Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Boarding Allowance or Second Home Allowance for the whole of the year. The payment is available on a pro rata basis for those who have only received the AIC allowance for part of the year, but will not be paid for boarding periods covering less than one month.

Students receiving Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Living Allowance are **not** eligible for this allowance.

The College will distribute the Boarding Away from Home Allowance applications in early 2024. **In addition to completing the application form, parent/caregivers must provide confirmation of eligibility which is either a photocopy of the AIC statement or a letter from AIC.**

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:

Applications close on the 29th November 2024 however the College requests that the forms be returned **(directly to the College)** as soon as possible. Upon return of the application form and statement to the College, the third instalment of boarding fees will be adjusted.

BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE SPECIAL SUBSIDY - \$1,389

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be boarding at the Agricultural College
- Students receiving the standard rate of Youth Allowance can still apply for this allowance.

INELIGIBILITY

Special Subsidy **cannot** be claimed if receiving -

- Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) from Services Australia
- Youth Allowance at the Away Rate
- Abstudy Boarding (if full boarding rate paid by Services Australia)

Applications close on the 31st July 2024, however the College requests that the forms be returned as soon as possible as upon receipt of the application form to the College, the third instalment of boarding fees will be adjusted.

RECENT CHANGES TO THE BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCES

In 2024 and onwards, both Boarding Away From Home Allowances (BAHA) will be \$1,389 (capped) for students who board for the whole year.

This amount is pro rata per term for students who only board for part of the year.

ALLOWANCES FOR STUDENTS

Assistance for Isolated Children

AIC aims to assist the parent/caregivers of children who can't go to a local state school. This could be because of geographical isolation, disability or special needs. To get this, your child must meet living, age and study requirements. And meet one of the following:

- is geographically isolated
- has a disability or special education need
- has no reasonable access to a government school.

Read the full conditions under the [who can get it](#) link on the Services Australia website [Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme - Isolation conditions - Services Australia](#)

You must submit your claim to Services Australia by 31 December of the study year.

It is recommended you apply early to assist with accounting processes for the College.

The easiest way to claim is to download a claim form and submit it online. To do this, you need a [myGov](#) account linked to Centrelink. If you have a nominee, they also need to have their own account. If you don't have a myGov account or a Centrelink online account you'll need to [set them up](#).

You may need to [confirm your identity](#) with them before you start your claim.

The College's request is that when AIC applications are lodged after 1st July, parent/caregivers pay boarding fees whilst their application is being processed.

YOUTH ALLOWANCE

Financial help if you're 24 or younger and a student or Australian Apprentice, or 21 or younger and looking for work.

- 16 to 21 and looking for full time work
- 18 to 24 and studying full time
- 16 to 24 and doing a full time Australian Apprenticeship
- 16 to 17 and independent or needing to live away from home to study
- 16 to 17 studying full time and have completed year 12 or equivalent

Please refer to the Services Australia website [Youth Allowance - Services Australia](#) for further information.

ABSTUDY

Secondary students, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in secondary school may get ABSTUDY payments. Some primary school students may also be eligible. If your child is eligible for ABSTUDY, depending on their age and where they're studying, they have the following payments:

- [ABSTUDY School Term Allowance](#), help with the cost of your child's secondary schooling if they live at home
- [ABSTUDY School Fees Allowance](#), help with the cost of school fees for secondary students
- [ABSTUDY Fares Allowance](#), help with travel costs between home and study location if they need to live away from home.

If you're aged 16 or older, you may get:

- [ABSTUDY Living Allowance](#), help with living costs while studying or training
- [Additional Assistance](#), help if you get Living Allowance and have severe financial difficulties.

If you're aged 18 years or older, you may get [ABSTUDY Incidentals Allowance](#). A payment to help with the cost of starting or continuing study or training.

If you need to be away from home or your study location, you may get [ABSTUDY Away from Base Assistance](#).

You may get more than one ABSTUDY payment at a time. Depending on your situation you may only have to apply once.

ALLOWANCES FOR STUDENTS

STUDENT SUBSIDISED TRAVEL SCHEME

The Student Travel Subsidy Scheme provides travel assistance to school and tertiary students who are geographically isolated. The two main types of travel support are:

- Subsidised fares for air, bus and train travel for eligible students who live within the defined remote area of Western Australia ([see map](#))
- A road travel subsidy for eligible students who live anywhere within Western Australia but who must be driven in a private vehicle more than 56 km from home to the nearest:
 - Appropriate government school with boarding facilities (if boarding facilities are necessary) offering classes in the grade or level in which the student is enrolled, or
 - Regular passenger transport (bus stop, airport or train station - please visit the [Transwa – Plan Your Journey](#) website for regular passenger transport hubs and routes), or
 - A school bus service operating between the student's home and the school they are attending.



To find out about the details of the entitlements of the student travel subsidy scheme, check out the Student Travel Subsidy Scheme entitlements section on the Department of Transport website [Student travel subsidies \(transport.wa.gov.au\)](http://transport.wa.gov.au)

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Services Australia or Veteran's Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian of the student.
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Application is made by the parent/caregiver for student/s enrolled in Years 7—12 at a secondary school.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

➤ Parent/caregiver must hold one of the following cards:

- Services Australia Health Care Card (family card only not student card)
- Services Australia Pensioner Concession Card
- Veteran's Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (Blue card only)

PLEASE NOTE: *The only Veteran's Affairs Card that meets the criteria is a blue card that is issued each year and expires in December each year. This card is income means tested.*

- Parent/caregiver must be the holder of a card that is valid for a period of no less than four weeks during first term. The *only* exception to this is when a student holds their own health care card *and has been declared independent by Services Australia*. In this instance, a letter of confirmation from *Services Australia* needs to accompany the application.
- The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age
i.e. students born in 2005 or before are ineligible for 2024.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms will be sent to parent/caregivers prior to the commencement of 2024 and are available on the College Website www.narroginag.wa.edu.au.

(Please click on the Prospective Students tab then click on Finance)

A copy of your card will be required with the application.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 28th MARCH, 2024

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Schools will receive the Educational Program Allowance of \$235 for Secondary Assistance recipients. For students in Year 10 the Allowance will be paid directly to the school and in the first instance, will be applied towards the voluntary contribution. Any balance will be applied against charges or as negotiated with the parent/caregiver. For students in Years 11 to 12 the Allowance will be applied to cover charges, in the first instance.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

The Clothing Allowance of \$115 will be paid to the parent/caregiver unless indicated on the application form that you wish it to be paid to the school. If payment to the parent/caregiver is requested, the payment will be deposited into the parent/caregiver bank account. It can take between 8-12 weeks to receive this payment.

PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS

Once the form is completed by the parent/caregiver, the school will forward either the electronic file (via email) to the Schools Resourcing and Support Directorate for processing whilst retaining the **original form at the school** or if completing applications manually, forward the **original forms** retaining a photocopy for the school records.

If you change any of your details supplied on the application form, please notify Student Allowances Support as soon as possible on 9264 4516.