

HOBART COLLEGE

SCHOOL LEVIES AND CHARGES POLICY 2026



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PURPOSE

- This policy and the associated procedure meet the requirement under the *Education Act 2016* for the principal of a Government School to develop a policy on levies and charges for each year in accordance with [Secretary's Instruction No 9 for School Levies and Charges](#).
- This policy does not detail all requirements for levies and charges practices. These requirements are detailed in full in the School Levies and Charges Procedure.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parents with children enrolled at Government Schools contribute towards the cost of their child's education through school levies and charges. Levies and charges are just one of the ways that parents contribute to their child's school. The Department of Education recognises the other valuable contributions families make to school communities through volunteering, fundraising and other activities.

In adhering to Secretary's Instruction No 9, this Policy and the School Levies and Charges Procedure:

- Schools **MUST** consider inclusive education, family financial constraints and community expectations when determining school levies and charges.
- Levies **MUST** be set at the minimum amount possible.
- The principal **MUST** consult with the School Association in the development of the school-specific Levies and Charges Policy.
- The school-specific Levies and Charges Policy **MUST** be developed and implemented in accordance with the School Levies and Charges Procedure.

LEVIES AND CHARGES REQUIREMENTS

Parents contribute towards the cost of essential items and services that support normal educational instruction through payment of an annual all-inclusive levy for their child. Kindergarten to Year 10 schools **MUST** have completed the transition to an all-inclusive levy for the 2026 school year.

Once parents have paid the levy, the school will not request any additional payments for essential items or services needed in that school year.

Families who are supported through the Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) do not need to pay levies. Applications for the Student Assistance Scheme may be made online, or paper forms collected from the front office at the school.

Levies include costs for all items and services that are required to complete the normal educational instruction at the school.

School uniforms are not included in the levy. Other specific examples and exceptions are detailed in the School Levies and Charges Procedure.

HOBART COLLEGE LEVIES AND CHARGES

- The General Levy covers items such as classroom materials and some curriculum related excursions. The General Levy is charged according to the number of subjects a student has enrolled in.
- A fee per subject applies for students whose main enrolment in 2026 is at a non-government school.
- An additional charge is payable for some subjects to cover the cost of additional support materials, clothing or activities. Details of Additional Subject Charges are listed in the Schedule. These Charges do not apply to STAS recipients.
- Additional optional charges apply to some extracurricular activities, such as optional trips and Enrichment activities. Students are advised of these costs prior to each activity.

HOBART COLLEGE LEVIES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE

General Levy charges 2026:

1 Subject	\$112.50
2 Subjects	\$225.00
3 Subjects	\$337.50
4 Subjects	\$450.00

Per Subject/Line for students whose main enrolment in 2026 is at a non-government school \$1,500.00.

ADDITIONAL SUBJECT CHARGES

Students enrolled in the following subjects will be invoiced in Term 1 for the additional subject charges listed below (please note this does not apply to STAS approved families).

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	2026 FEE
Contemporary Art Practice 2	Contribution to materials	\$ 40.00
Arts - Visual Arts 2 subjects (Ceramics, Graphic Design, Mixed Media & Photography)	Materials including paints, paper, clay, various mediums, printing, film, photography paper & other costs	\$ 40.00
Art – Visual Arts 3 subjects (Ceramics, Graphic Design, Mixed Media & Photography)	Materials including paints, paper, clay, various mediums, printing, film, photography paper & other costs	\$ 80.00
Art Studio Practice 3	Contribution to materials	\$ 80.00
Contemporary Art Practice 3	Activities (Excursions/Library visits)	\$ 90.00
Athlete Development 2	Optional - Polo Shirt	\$ 35.00
Certificate II in Cookery	For food consumed	\$ 120.00
Certificate II in Creative Industries	Contribution to storage materials	\$ 25.00

Certificate II Community Services	Polo Top (Addition)	\$35.00
Certificate III in Screen and Media	Contribution to Storage Materials	\$25.00
Certificate III in Fitness	Contribution to materials	\$ 100.00
Certificate II in Hospitality	For food consumed Polo top (addition)	\$ 120.00 \$35.00
Certificate III Intro to Nursing Pathway (Health Services Assistants) (SOA)	Scrub Top	\$ 30.00
Certificate II in Salon Assistant	Additional course materials Polo Shirt (addition)	\$ 50.00 \$ 35.00
Design & Production 2 subjects (Glass, Metal, Textiles & Wood)	Contribution to materials	\$ 40.00
Design & Production – Jewellery	Contribution to materials	\$ 40.00
Electronics and Advanced Technologies 2	Contribution to materials	\$ 20.00
Electronics and Advanced Technologies 3	Contribution to materials	\$ 20.00
Food & Hospitality Enterprise 2	For food consumed (was \$60.00)	\$ 120.00
Food, Cooking & Nutrition 2	For food consumed	\$ 120.00
Media Production Foundation 2 – Screen	Contribution to storage materials	\$ 25.00
Media Production 3 – Screen	Contribution to storage materials	\$ 25.00
Media Production Foundation 2 – Print	Contribution to storage materials	\$ 25.00
Media Production 3 – Print	Contribution to storage materials	\$ 25.00
Music 3	Contribution to tutor support	\$100.00
Musical Production (College)	Some costume items, catering & script	\$ 50.00
Music Studies 2	Contribution to tutor support	\$ 50.00
Outdoor Education 2 Adventure Recreation	Equipment Hire & Specialist Instructors	\$ 70.00
Outdoor Education 2 Expedition	Equipment Hire, Specialist Instructors & Magazine	\$ 90.00
Outdoor Leadership 3	Equipment Hire & Specialist Instructors	\$ 70.00
Certificate II in Construction Pathways	Contribution to Materials	\$20.00
Sport & Recreation Experiences	Equipment Hire, Specialist Instructors	\$ 100.00

UTAS Music Practical Study Foundation/ Advanced	Contribution to tutor support	\$ 100.00
UTAS Songwriting 3	Contribution to tutor support	\$ 100.00

Optional subject and external program charges:

- Additional charges are applied for optional activities or materials in some internal subjects and external programs. These charges are not covered for STAS approved students.
- The participation in these activities or purchase of materials is optional and not required for students to complete the subject.

SUBJECT/ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	CHARGE
Special event clothing	College Production & College Leavers (e.g. Hoodies/t-shirts)	Varies for garment purchased
VET Subjects	Hobart College VET Subject polo top Additional Excursions	\$ 35.00 Varies for each trip
Design & Production 2 (Glass, Metal, Textiles & Wood)	Project choice – may incur additional charges	Varies on project
Enrichment	Activities	Fees apply for some activities and trips. Costs are provided prior to sign-up each term
Media Production 2 & 3 (Print)	Project choice – may incur additional charges	Varies on project
External competitions	Contribution to external registration costs	Varies for each competition
Outdoor Education	Optional activities that incur external coaching costs, excursions, registration fees or travel costs	Varies for each activity
Art Subjects	Project choice – may incur additional charge	Varies on project
Design & Production 2 (Wood and Composite)	Specialised project materials	Cost depends on type of materials requested
Student Locker Hire	Non-refundable	\$ 10.00
Leavers Dinner	Year 12 students only	TBA
Camps, excursions, interstate trips	Trip costs including airfares, accommodation, food and activities.	Varies for each trip

Please note: prices are subject to change and are current at the time of printing – 01/01/2026.

COMMUNICATING ABOUT LEVIES AND CHARGES

A copy of the Levies & Charges policy will be provided to the parents or guardians for all enrolled students in term four detailing the expected levies and charges for the upcoming year. A copy of this is also available on the Hobart College website.

Parents experiencing financial hardship are invited to contact the school for information on the financial support options that are available.

The Financial Services Unit within the Department of Education can also be contacted for information on financial support options offered by the Department such as the Student Assistance Scheme at stas@decyp.tas.gov.au or on 1 800 827 055. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback on school levies and charges, please contact the college office on 03 6220 3133.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Payment of levies and charges can be made by:
 - Cash or credit card at the school office during opening hours
 - Bpay, Bpoint, Centrepay
 - Service Tasmania
 - Cheque
- Parents or guardians are encouraged to discuss payment of levies and charges as early as possible if there is difficulty in affording any element of the levy or charge.
- A levy instalment plan will be made available to parents or guardians who are unable to make a full payment at the beginning of the new school year. This plan offers flexible, sensitively negotiated payment options to assist parents or guardians to budget for this cost. Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or at other agreed times after payment of an affordable deposit.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

- Student Assistance is available for parents or guardians who meet the criteria of an income test. Please access the Student Assistance Scheme form <https://stasonlinesubmission.education.tas.gov.au/>
- Families approved for STAS are not required to pay levies but may be required to pay other charges.

REFUND OF LEVIES

- As levies and charges form part of the revenue of the school, and their allocation and expenditure is often committed early in the school year, levies and charges will only be refunded in certain circumstances.
- A student who withdraws their enrolment prior to 31 May 2026 **may** receive a pro-rata refund or credit on the General Levy and/or Additional Subject Fees
 - Up to 28 February 100% less administration fee of \$20
 - 1 March - 31 March 75% less administration fee of \$20
 - 1 April - 30 April 50% less administration fee of \$20
 - 1 May - 31 May 25% less administration fee of \$20
 - *No refunds for Levies/Additional Fees apply after 31 May 2026.*
- Individual circumstances may be considered, and credits/refunds may be granted in exceptional circumstances. *An email (hobart.college@decyp.tas.gov.au) application must be made to the Business Manager for all refund requests. A \$20 administration fee applies.*
- Refunds for Additional Subject Fees are only considered where the student has paid for items that have not yet been purchased by the College or issued to the student.
- Non-refundable deposits apply to some College trips.