



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE *of* AGRICULTURE
Cunderdin

2025

Contributions, Fees & Charges Booklet

Includes information regarding **Allowances & Assistance**

Fees and Charges Policy 2025

RESIDENTIAL BOARDING FEES

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

To assist ease of payment these are divided into three instalments, payable at the beginning of each of the first three terms. In 2025 these fees will be \$9,563.00. Boarding fees are GST free.

- The first and second instalments of residential fees must be cleared by the end of Semester One for students to continue in residence in Semester Two.
- The third instalment is to be cleared before the commencement of Term Three.

No student will be permitted to commence Year 12 as a residential student unless prior repayment arrangements have been made with the Manager Corporate Services to clear outstanding fees from the previous year

NB: Students may attend the education programme in Year 12 as a day student.

SUBJECT CHARGES & PERSONAL ITEMS

Parents will be issued with an itemised invoice for their student's fees in February 2025. The contributions, fees and charges outlined in this booklet have been reviewed by the College Finance Committee and been approved by the College Board.

These fees are to be paid as soon as possible after the start of the school year (as per itemised invoice) unless arrangement has been made with the Manager Corporate Services.

- Course Charges, Extra Cost Options & Other Optional Costs are to be paid if your child participates. An invoice for these items will be forwarded when your child participates.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASES

Personal Items Lists will be forwarded to you as soon as they are available.

Items on the list can be purchased online through Champion Education (information will be on the list provided) or any supplier of your choice.

If you know any recent ex-student, some textbooks may be available from them secondhand. The College does not have any secondhand books for sale. Year 11 students ordering through Champion will receive their books at induction and Year 12 students will receive their books in the first week of Term One.

TRADES PERSONAL PROJECTS

Engineering and Furnishing students will be able to commence a Trade personal project in Year 11.

They will design and complete a cost estimation which will be sent home for approval by parents/guardians prior to commencement of the project

A deposit of 50% will need to be paid prior to commencement of the project, with final payment being made before the project can be collected. Students are required to meet the full cost of their personal project. The cost of this project can be anywhere between \$10.00 - \$10,000.00 depending on the complexity and scale of the project.

DFES / FIRE ALARMS

There is a financial cost for any student involved or found to have instigated a FALSE ALARM.

This charge will be forwarded to Parents/Guardians. Currently the charge is \$1,337.00 but may be subject to change.

STUDENT DAMAGE TO COLLEGE PROPERTY

If a student recklessly or maliciously damages College property, they will be required to pay for the cost of the repair or replacement.

PAYMENT PLAN

A personalised payment plan is an available option to assist parents/guardians to pay for fees and charges in affordable instalments.

Please contact the office on 9635 2100 or email cunderdin.wacoa.finance@education.wa.edu.au if you would like to discuss implementing a payment plan.

REFUNDS

- 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. Parents will be refunded the excess, if applicable, on a pro rata basis. No refund of fees or charges will be made for any short-term periods of absence.
- If a student ceases the educational programme at the College, pro rata of charges less the percentage of Government Subsidy will be refunded to parents according to the time of the year in line with the Department of Education Fees Policies.

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RESIDENTIAL STUDENT FEES

RESIDENTIAL BOARDING FEES	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
1st Instalment due on 5 February 2025	\$3,188.00	\$3,188.00
2nd Instalment due on 28 April 2025	\$3,188.00	\$3,188.00
3rd Instalment due on 21 July 2025	\$3,187.00	\$3,187.00
Total for Residential Boarding Fees	\$9,563.00	\$9,563.00

DAY STUDENT FEES

Day student lunch and morning tea	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Day Student Meals (day student lunch and morning tea. Additional meals charged at \$3.00 per meal)	\$ 956.00	\$ 956.00
Total for Residential Boarding Fees	\$ 956.00	\$ 956.00

SUBJECT CHARGES

SUBJECT	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
English - ATAR and General	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mathematics - ATAR and General	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mathematics General – Textbook hire	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Animal Production Systems General	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Plant Production Systems General	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Agribusiness ATAR	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Agricultural Science and Technology ATAR	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Physical Education Studies	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
D&T - Automotive Workshop	\$170.00	\$170.00
D&T - General Construction	\$180.00	\$180.00
D&T - Engineering Technology	\$300.00	\$260.00
D&T - Furnishing Design	\$230.00	\$200.00
D&T - Furnishing E Textbook	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
D&T – Engineering E Textbook	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
D&T - Tech Drawing	\$ 10.00	n/a
Online Vocational Training (LMS)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Safefarms WA	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Certificate II in Agriculture - AHC20116	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Certificate III in Agriculture – AHC30116	\$110.00	\$110.00
Certificate II in Shearing – AHC21316	N/A	\$300.00
Certificate II in Wool Handling – AHC21416	N/A	\$200.00
Certificate III in Pork Production – AHC30416	N/A	\$150.00

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PERSONAL ITEMS

ITEM	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Compulsory Items – all students		
Students must wear one of the below hats all year		
College Peaked Cap, or	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
College Wide Brimmed Hat	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
College Blazer	Up to \$200.00	Up to \$200.00
Laundry Mesh Bag	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Safety Glasses (up to 4 pairs)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Safety Glasses – additional pair	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Compulsory Items – Physical Education students		
College Polo Shirt (Black)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
College Sport Shorts (Unisex)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
College Sport Shorts (Female)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Optional Items		
College Polo Shirt (Black)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
College Zip Jacket	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
College Track pants	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
College Beanie	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Farm Show/Skills Uniform	up to \$200.00	up to \$200.00
Shearing Uniform	up to \$ 40.00	up to \$ 40.00
Country Week Uniform	up to \$200.00	up to \$200.00
Sports Bag with name	up to \$ 60.00	up to \$ 60.00
Name badge including College Logo	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Leavers Jacket/Jumper	n/a	up to \$120.00
Replacement College Tie	\$37.00	\$37.00

EXTRA COST OPTIONS

CHARGES (will be charged to account)	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Year 11 Induction programme	\$ 80.00	n/a
Bus Fee for all excursions throughout the year	\$160.00	\$160.00
Student Services/Pastoral Care/Health and Wellbeing	\$200.00	\$200.00
Annual Photocopier/Printing fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Additional photocopier/printing fee if required	\$ 5.00 increment	\$ 5.00 increment
Valedictory (sash, gown hire and administration costs)	n/a	\$ 45.00
Portfolio	n/a	\$ 40.00
Trades personal project(s)	\$10.00 - \$10,000.00 depending on project	
On Farm Drivers Licence replacement	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Residential Special Activities and Events	\$20.00	\$20.00
College Yearbook (Agricollegian)	up to \$55.00	up to \$55.00

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EXTRA COST OPTIONS

SHORT COURSES (only charged if participating)	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Certificate III in Advanced Wool Handling - AHC33116	n/a	\$3,000.00 (see page 7)
Auschem Chemical Course	n/a	\$1,000.00 (see page 7)
Construction Safety (White card)	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
First Aid	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Front End Loader	n/a	\$2,000.00
Skid Steer Licence	n/a	\$1,400.00
Low Stress Stock Handling Course	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Remote Pilot License (RePL) Endorsed Program (Drones)	n/a	\$1,000.00
Machinery Maintenance Short Course	n/a	\$1,000.00
OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (only charged if participating)	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
ATAR Camp/Excursion	up to \$ 300.00	up to \$ 300.00
Agricultural Colleges Carnival	up to \$ 500.00	up to \$ 500.00
Class Excursions/Incursions	up to \$ 200.00	up to \$ 200.00
Trades Excursions/Incursions	up to \$ 200.00	up to \$ 200.00
Farm Excursions/Incursions	up to \$ 200.00	up to \$ 200.00
Excursions, Camps and Events Intrastate/Interstate/Overseas	up to \$6,000.00	up to \$6,000.00
College Ball (2 Tickets @ \$150 each)	up to \$ 300.00	up to \$ 300.00
Country Week Sports	up to \$ 700.00	up to \$ 700.00
Royal Show	up to \$ 600.00	up to \$ 600.00
Coaching/Umpiring Course – various sports	up to \$ 250.00	up to \$ 250.00
Northwest Tour	up to \$1,000.00	n/a
Skippers Ticket	up to \$ 400.00	up to \$ 400.00
Level 1 Sports Trainer	up to \$ 300.00	up to \$ 300.00
Surf Camp	up to \$ 400.00	up to \$ 400.00
ATAR Workshops/Seminars	up to \$ 200.00	up to \$ 200.00
General Pathway Workshops/Seminars	up to \$ 200.00	up to \$ 200.00
Selected Residential Excursions	up to \$ 300.00	up to \$ 300.00
Replacement of lost or damaged Maths Textbook	\$90.00	\$90.00
Student Council Leadership Development	up to \$ 200.00	up to \$ 200.00
Year 12 End of Year Dinner	n/a	Up to \$ 50.00

OTHER OPTIONAL COSTS

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Horse Agistment (per horse per term)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Horse Hay Feed	\$ 12.00 per bale	\$ 12.00 per bale
PRIVATE HORSES ON COLLEGE GROUND—HORSE CARE (E.g., Farrier, Worming, Teeth etc.)	Users pay at time of service	Users pay at time of service
Residential miscellaneous expenses (on charged when required)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Clubs (project materials may be charged)	\$100.00	\$100.00
VOLUNTARY APPROVED REQUESTS	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Library – magazines, newspaper	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
P & C Contribution (per family)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

SPECIALIST OPTIONAL COURSES

Additional costs for optional courses in Year 12 if chosen.

In previous years, the school has received funding to fully cover the cost of providing certificate III courses delivered through South Regional TAFE and/or Central Regional TAFE, however, this funding is being reduced and the TAFE's have been told to move to a "user pays" system. We will hopefully still be able to fully fund, or at least heavily subsidised these courses for next year, but in the interests of full disclosure, we are obliged to provide the full economic cost of these courses.

Certificate III in Advanced Wool Handling – AHC33116 (full economic price \$5,000.00)

Includes the following units:

- AHCLSK217 Apply animal welfare principles to handling and husbandry of livestock
- AHCWHS301 Contribute to work health and safety processes
- AHCWOL201 Pen sheep
- AHCWOL203 Carry out wool pressing
- AHCWOL304 Prepare fleece wool for classing
- AHCWOL305 Prepare skirtings and oddments
- AHCWOL308 Prepare facilities for shearing and crutching
- AHCWOL310 Press wool for a clip
- AHCWOL311 Perform shed duties
- AHCWRK306 Comply with industry quality assurance requirements.

Auschem Chemical course (full economic Price \$1,000.00)

Includes the following units:

- AHCCHM303 Prepare and apply Chemicals
- AHCCHM304 Transport, handle, and store Chemicals.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

ELECTRONIC BANKING

Details for parents wishing to pay fees by electronic banking are as follows:

Name of Account: Western Australian College of Agriculture, Cunderdin
Bank: BSB Number: 633-000 (Bendigo Bank)
Account Number: 155427040

Please quote your child's unique student number or full name as the reference.

PAYMENT IN PERSON AT BANK

It is imperative that you use the student number as the reference when depositing in the College account over the counter at a bank. With this method of payment, the only details that appear on the College statement is the name of the branch which the transaction has taken place at and the student number. If it is necessary for the College to request a voucher trace for the details of the payee, a \$13.50 fee is incurred which is the parents' responsibility to pay. Details of transactions can also be emailed to cunderdin.wacoa@education.wa.edu.au

EFTPOS FACILITY

There is EFTPOS available at the front office for payments. This also allows us to take credit card payments over the phone.

CENTRELINK DIRECT DEBIT FACILITY

The College is registered as a Centrepay participant. Centrelink can transfer money directly from your Centrelink payments to pay your College account. Application forms can be obtained from: Centrelink Telephone: 132 318

Financial Assistance

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE ASSISTANCE

Boarding fees can be substantially reduced for families eligible for assistance through several State and Commonwealth Government schemes. An outline of these schemes follows, based on information available at the time of publication.

BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE (BAHA) – for isolated children

All recipients of the AIC boarding allowance, or second home allowance are eligible for the State Government Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA).

This allowance is administered by the Department of Education and paid directly to the College and is to be deducted from the residential boarding fees only.

Application forms will be sent to you from the College in 2025.

For more information or assistance please contact the Department of Education on telephone 9264 4516 , by email at student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au or visiting the website at <https://concessions.communities.wa.gov.au/Concessions/Pages/Boarding-Away-from-Home-Allowance.aspx>

BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE (BAHA)

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES SPECIAL SUBSIDY

This allowance is to assist parents with secondary students attending and boarding at a Western Australian College of Agriculture, with boarding costs. Claimants apply for the subsidy through the Western Australian College of Agriculture where the student is boarding. The college provides application forms to applicants and payment will be made directly to the Agricultural College and is to be deducted from the residential boarding fees only.

This subsidy is not available if the parent/guardian or student is receiving –

- Youth Allowance at the away from home rate; or
- AIC Allowance from Centrelink; or
- ABSTUDY (if full boarding paid by Centrelink).

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SAS)

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 (Centrelink) or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:

For 2025 only these are -

- \$300 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the college.
- \$235 Education Program Allowance paid directly to the college.

Application forms will be available from the College at the beginning of the new year. A current Centrelink Pensioner Concession / Centrelink Health Care / Department of Veteran Affairs Pensioner Concession Cards **MUST** be presented or emailed with the form.

Additional information and eligibility can be obtained from the Department of Education on 9264 4516, emailing student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au or at the Concessions WA website <https://concessions.communities.wa.gov.au/Concessions/Pages/Secondary-Assistance-Scheme.aspx>

YOUTH ALLOWANCE

Depending upon parental income and family assets a student may receive a higher level of Commonwealth assistance if he or she is eligible for Youth Allowance.

Telephone 132 490 (direct line) or visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance-students-and-australian-apprentices>

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ASSISTANCE FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN SCHEME (AIC)

AIC is a scheme provided by the Commonwealth Government which includes a basic boarding allowance and an additional boarding allowance to assist families with the costs of children boarding away from home to go to school.

The basic boarding allowance is indexed annually and is not means tested. It is available to children who:

- Are geographically isolated.
- Have a special education need.
- Have no reasonable access to a school.
- Meet a continuity condition.

The additional boarding allowance is subject to an income test and is indexed annually.

The AIC scheme is administered by Centrelink and paid directly to the family or the residential college. Please provide the College with a copy of your approval letter from Centrelink once it is available. Prices are subject to change at government discretion, please check with Centrelink. When applying for AIC please give Centrelink the College Reference Number - 555014090S and payments can be directed straight to the College. Telephone 13 23 18 (AIC direct line) or visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/assistance-for-isolated-children-scheme>

ABSTUDY

Indigenous students can apply for ABSTUDY which assists with boarding, travel, and tuition costs of those eligible. ABSTUDY is administered by Centrelink and paid directly to the family or the College.

Telephone 1800 132 317 (ABSTUDY direct line) or visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/abstudy/secondary-and-primary-students>

STUDENT SUBSIDISED TRAVEL

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.



Contact the Department of Transport on 1300 660 147, travelsubsidies@transport.wa.gov.au or visit [Student travel subsidies \(transport.wa.gov.au\)](#)