



**ATWELL COLLEGE**

# Year 8

# Course Selection Handbook

Edition 2023

*Independent Public School*

## Important Dates 2023

Payment of Voluntary Contributions and Charges can be made at the College Administration Office prior to the commencement of the school year. The [Secondary Assistance Scheme form](#) can be completed at this time.

### Opening Hours of the College Office prior to Commencement of School Year 2023

**Wednesday 25 January**

**Friday 27 January**

**Monday 30 January**

**Tuesday 31 January**

**8:45am to 3:45pm**

### Textbook and stationery orders

Campion orders for textbooks and stationery need to be completed by 9th December 2022 for free delivery.

### College Uniform

The Atwell College Board has endorsed the wearing of the College uniform as compulsory for all students in Years 7 to 12. Uniforms are available from the uniform shop operated by Uniform Concepts at: [24/26 Solomon Road Jandakot WA6164](#)

During the school year, the opening hours of the uniform shop at Jandakot is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9am to 5pm	9am to 1pm	Closed				

Payment can be made by credit card, cash or cheque.

**Students return to school on**  
**Wednesday, 1 February 2023**

## Contributions and Charges

The following information is provided in the hope of making the school charges and contributions structure clear for parents and carers. Atwell College has directed our efforts towards keeping costs as low and as equitable as possible. The Atwell College Board and Finance Committee have examined the contributions and charges structure in detail and approved the amounts shown in accordance with the School Education Act 1999.

The State Government through the Department of Education provides placement at educational facilities for all students who choose to attend public schools. The Department also pays for the wages of all teaching and school support staff plus costs such as repairs, maintenance and utilities. Government does not provide for many goods and services which students use and it is reasonable for parents to meet these costs.

Contributions and charges go towards a variety of consumable items across learning areas, including Science chemicals, art equipment, ingredients for cooking, student project materials and photocopying.

## How much can be charged?

For Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 the maximum voluntary contributions a school may charge is currently fixed at \$235.00, however additional compulsory charges above that figure can be requested for consumables and additional resources. The school can also request a 50% confirmation charge for these years.

## Collecting Contributions & Charges

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected fees, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. This college is committed to an even-handed and responsible approach and it is our expectation that all parents should make contributions towards their children's education.

Atwell College is aware that the payment of contributions and charges can be a financial burden for some families. Part payments, deferred payments and credit card debits are all available to support parents experiencing difficulties. Please contact our Accounts on 086174 2200 to discuss payment options. The college is keen to assist parents in selecting options that they can afford. To this end, subject charges will always be provided to parents prior to selection of subjects. The College Board and the Finance Committee have endorsed and passed all subjects costs charged by the college.

The College Board have endorsed the following actions:

- Regular statements will be sent home to parents
- Approved Specialist Programmes will require a deposit to secure a place.

## Payment Options

The college makes provision for the following payment options:

**Cash/Cheque/EFTPOS/Credit Card** at Atwell College Reception Administration Building

- **Direct Deposit** to Atwell College

Account Name: Atwell College

BSB: 066-040

Account Number: 19900946

Reference: Student's Name or Student Number

Click the BPoint icon or visit: [Atwell College Website Payments](#)

Description: Name or Student Number Yr CC (e.g. John Smith Yr8 CC)

- By completing the credit card information at the bottom of the Contributions & Charges Sheet and posting to the college
- By telephone, using credit card facilities on +61 6174 2200
- In person during office hours (cash, cheque or EFTPOS)



## Compulsory Charges

Extra cost optional courses outside the basic core program incur additional charges above the voluntary contribution of \$235.00. Subjects such as Sports, Visual Art and Food, attract compulsory charges for items such as consumable materials and venue hire. Charges relate to items that students consume over and above what is supplied by the Department of Education and Training. Parents are provided estimated costs for these elective subjects during the Subject Selection process. Please note that there are low-cost subject options available as well.

There are no maximum charges set by the State Government. Charges the college has set for the courses are **compulsory** and will depend on the course chosen. Some specific courses will incur higher costs dependent on such items as text, subject-specific resources, materials, excursions, Certificates and work placement.

50% payment is required by Friday 27 January 2023 to confirm placement in selected courses with the balance of payment due by the end of Term One 2023.

## Specialist Programmes

Instrumental Music, STEM, Netball and Rugby League are offered as specialist programmes at Atwell College and will incur additional charges above the voluntary contribution. Charges for Specialist Programmes are required to be paid by Friday 27 January 2023.

## Booklists and Personal Items

Recommended personal and stationery items will be detailed on the booklist sheet. Items may be purchased from Campion (our preferred supplier) or parent/carers have the option of purchasing the required equipment independently.

## Education Programme Allowance

### Closing Date 6 April 2023

The Education Program Allowance (part of the Secondary Assistance Scheme) is available to secondary students whose parent/carer holds a Centrelink Family Health Care Card, a Pensioner Concession Card or a Veteran's Affairs Pensioner Concession Card. The scheme is available to students up to and including the year in which they turn 18 years of age.

Applications are made by the parent or carer for students enrolled in Years 7 - 12. It is preferable that applications are made prior to the beginning of the school year or as early as possible in Term One. Application forms are available from the college administration and these forms must be submitted prior to the end of Term One 2023.

- \$235.00 Education Program Allowance paid directly to the college
- \$115.00 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/ carer or the college, with the provision to use this towards school fees if not used for the college uniform.

The Education Program Allowance will be paid directly to the college and will be applied to voluntary contributions for Year 7 – 10 (For those parents/carers who elect to pay their clothing allowance to the college, these funds will be deducted from the compulsory charges first.). For Year 11 and 12 students in receipt of the allowance, the money will be applied towards their compulsory charges.

## Processing of Payments

Schools Resourcing and Budgeting Directorate will endeavour to have all clothing payments made to the parent/carer by 2 June 2023 (to be confirmed).

## Late Applications

Late applications will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation. Eligible interstate or overseas students who are enrolled after first term may apply for the allowance. Date of enrolment must be noted on the application.

## Voluntary Approved Requests

Under government guidelines, the College requests a Voluntary Contribution of up to \$235.00 for each student. These contributions are used to provide resources for the compulsory learning areas: Mathematics, English, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Technologies, the Arts, Health & Physical Education and Languages. The payment of Voluntary Contributions will make a significant contribution to the quality of educational programs delivered. There is an expectation that families who can afford to pay the Voluntary Contributions do so.

### Bus Refund

A contribution of \$10.00 for replacement of the college buses over a 10-year period. On many excursions, the college buses are used to reduce costs for hiring external buses.

### Chaplaincy Contribution

A contribution of \$25.00 is requested to support the presence of a non-denominational chaplain who is an integral part of the college's Student Services program and is not an employee of the Department of Education (*this contribution may be tax deductible*).

### Information Technology

The Information Technology contribution is \$15.00. The college uses this money to purchase items needed for using computers and to upgrade computers throughout the college.

### Library Contribution

The Library contribution is \$25.00 and goes towards the purchase of periodicals, books and other library resources. The Department of Education provides limited funding to provide resources for this centre.

### P&C Contribution

A contribution of \$25.00 is requested to support the P&C in developing fundraising programs and supporting the Atwell College community.

## OTHER COSTS

### Smartrider Cards

Smartrider cards are issued to all new students following the completion of a Smartrider Application form. The Smartrider card is free, however, the cost of a replacement card is \$5.00.

### Safety Glasses

It is a safety requirement for students to supply their own 'Approved Safety Glasses' for all Design and Technology classes.

## Contributions

Contributions in WA Public Schools are set at a maximum of \$235.00 per student for a nominal curriculum. Funds raised from school charges are expended on texts, resources and equipment essential for curriculum delivery and which are not supplied by the government.

## Textbooks

In some instances, textbooks are made available to students as class sets in order to minimise costs for parents/carers. Please be aware that a replacement cost will be charged if a textbook is lost or badly damaged.

## Calculators

Year 7 to Year 10: A scientific calculator is required – see Campion Booklist.

## Optional

Other optional costs include but are not limited to camps, excursions, performances, rewards excursions, college balls, college photos and workshops.

## Year 8 2023 – Cost of Educational Programmes

Course/ Programme	Cost
Class Music	\$80 per year
Dance	\$14 per semester
Drama	\$14 per semester
Fun with Food	\$24 per semester
Japanese	\$20 per year
Mandarin	\$20 per year
Media	\$14 per semester
Metal Design & Technology	\$24 per semester
Wood Design & Technology	\$24 per semester
Textiles and Design	\$24 per semester
Visual Art	\$14 per semester
Specialist – Instrumental Music: Class Music Compulsory	\$80 per year
Specialist – Netball	\$284 per year
Specialist – Rugby League	\$75 per year
Specialist – STEM Enrichment	\$100 per year

These costs are anticipated costs for 2023 and are subject to change. You will be advised of any changes to the charges for these courses. Please be advised that if courses do not attract viable numbers, they will not run and students will be asked to reselect an alternative course.

## Overview

The focus of schooling in Year 8 is to continue to develop broad educational knowledge and skills.

All students in Years 7 and 8 will study a selection of compulsory and elective courses across the learning areas, while some students who have been accepted into Specialist Programmes will begin to study specialised courses.

These compulsory courses include English, Science, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education. Year 8 students are also required to undertake one Language (Japanese or Mandarin) course. Contributions and charges for these courses will be detailed on a fee sheet which will be posted to parents/carers after student subject selections are finalised.

A Year 8 student's week will be as outlined below.

	Learning Area	Hours per week
<b>Compulsory</b>	English	4
	Health and Physical Education	3
	Humanities and Social Sciences	4
	Languages	2
	Mathematics	4
	Science	4
	<b>Electives are chosen in these learning areas:</b>	Technologies Digital Technologies (Compulsory) Design Technologies (Select One)
The Arts Performing Arts (Select One) Visual Arts (Select One)		2
	<b>Total hours</b>	<b>25</b>

## Specialist Programmes

The following programmes are designed to meet the needs of selected students in a particular area of the curriculum.

### Academic Extension Programme (AEP)

At Atwell College, our Academic Extension Programme (AEP) is designed to challenge students academically and build on their self-management and reflection skills, developing well rounded independent learners. The College offers Academic Extension classes in the four core learning areas: English, HASS, Mathematics and Science.

### Education Support

Atwell College caters for students with a full spectrum of disabilities; from severe intellectually disabled individuals with complex needs in a specialist building to students with mild disabilities in small classes in general learning areas. There is a focus on student centered planning that encompasses the academic programmes as well as social emotional wellbeing of students.

The Kim Beazley Learning Centre (KBLC) building is a purpose built, safe facility for students with special needs. The building is equipped with a hydrotherapy pool, specialist sensory equipment and life skills training rooms and can cater for therapists who attend the school.

### Netball Specialist Programme (NSP) (only available to previously selected students)

Atwell College is endorsed as a Tier 1 Specialist Netball School by Netball Western Australia. This endorsement recognises the Netball Specialist Programme as one of the Top 5 Specialist Netball School Programmes in the state. Students have the opportunity to excel in the sport as athletes, coaches, umpires and officials for the future. Knowledge, strategies and tactics of Netball are assimilated in a progressive way to ensure athletes move from a basic to an advanced level.

### Rugby League Specialist Programme (RLSP) (only available to previously selected students)

Atwell College is one of Western Australia's leading Rugby League schools. The school-based Rugby League Specialist Programme is an elite sporting programme developed by Atwell College in conjunction with the National Rugby League Western Australia. The programme helps engage students at school and also provides outstanding opportunities to develop specific skills, knowledge and experiences.

### STEM Enrichment Programme (SEP)

A designated Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Programme, preparing students with up-to-date skills required in industry. Students have the opportunity to participate in State and National competitions utilising these associated STEM skills. This course is supported by the Marine Industries Schools Pathway Programme with course links and activities endorsed by Curtin and Murdoch Universities. SEP and related STEM subjects are designed to enhance student knowledge and opportunities for direct placement in related industries and university courses.

## Elective Subjects 2023

In addition to the compulsory courses for all students, Year 8 students will be able to choose from an additional selection of elective courses.

All elective selections are completed using the Subject Selection Online (SSO) system. Information on how to access and use SSO will be issued via the email address of Parent/Carer 1 as shown in the college database. Please ensure that these details are up to date.

**Parents and students will be able to access the [SSO link](#)  
Thursday 18 August, 4pm to Friday 26 August, 8am**

Using the SSO program, students will rank their preferred electives for the year. The elective subjects listed in this handbook will only operate next year if they attract sufficient numbers. The ranked list will assist in placing students in the next available subject, so preferred rankings should be completed thoughtfully.

Where it is not specifically indicated, semester electives will run in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. More details will be provided when selecting electives in SSO.

## TECHNOLOGIES

### Design and Technologies

Students must select one of the following electives to study.

#### Fun with Food - Semester Elective – 8FOO1/2

- 2022 Course cost \$24 per semester

This practical course examines aspects of nutrition for teenagers in relation to healthy lunches and snacks and focusing on the importance of a healthy diet. The course aims to develop practical skills through the preparation and presentation of healthy foods using a number of different cooking methods and variety of recipes. Students will extend their creativity and design skills using the technology process to investigate, devise, plan, produce and evaluate a range of food related topics. The development of these skills will support further Food Technology study.

#### Metal Design & Technology - Semester Elective – 8MDT1/2

- 2022 Course cost \$24 per semester

This subject is designed to expand the knowledge students gained from Year 7 and further develop their skills in a wide range of metals. With a focus on hands on practical work around design projects, students will utilise modern technologies such as Laser Cutters and Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) software to develop solutions to problems and create plans to work from.

## **Textiles and Design - Semester Elective – 8TEX1/2**

- 2022 Course cost \$24 per semester

Textiles & Design students will use the technology process to investigate, design, produce and evaluate a variety of personalised items. Students have the opportunity to develop their technical skills by using modern technology and equipment including the sewing machine, to design and construct their creations. They will use a range of textiles including recycled materials to encourage and support sustainability.

## **Wood Design & Technology - Semester Elective – 8WDT1/2**

- 2022 Course cost \$24 per semester

This subject is designed to expand the knowledge students gained from Year 7 and further develop their skills in a wide range of wood and composites. With a focus on hands on practical work around design projects, students will utilise modern technologies such as Laser Cutters and Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) software to develop solutions to problems and create plans to work from.

# **THE ARTS**

## **Performing Arts**

Students must select one of the following electives to study.

### **Class Music - Year Elective – 8YMUS**

- 2022 Course cost \$80 per year

Music is a year-long elective in which students explore a wide variety of genres, styles and topics related to music and music production. This is a practical course and promotes exploration and creativity using current music technology while developing skills and theoretical knowledge to enhance performance on instruments. Background in playing a musical instrument is required for this subject. As this is a year-long course, students will not be able to select any Visual Arts course.

This course is compulsory for IMSS students.

### **Dance - Semester Elective – 8DAN1/2**

- 2022 Course cost \$14 per semester

In Year 8 Dance, students come together as a team to create a fun and entertaining hip hop dance. They use improvisation skills to build on their movement vocabulary and improve dance technique. Students are given opportunities to present dance to an audience, further developing their performance skills of retention and clarity of movement, projection, focus and expression. They explore a wide range of genres and styles of dance while working safely in groups.

### **Drama - Semester Elective – 8DRA1/2**

- 2022 Course cost \$14 per semester

In Year 8 Drama, students will learn improvisation and play-building skills to create their own drama. In the second part of the course, we will look at how to work with scripted pieces for performance. Students also learn valuable life skills such as working in groups, creative thinking and the ability to negotiate within teams.

## Visual Arts

Students must select one of the following electives to study.

### Media - Semester Elective – 8MED1/2

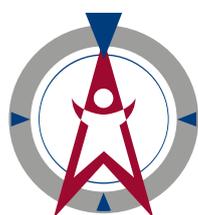
- 2022 Course cost \$14 per semester

In Year 8 Media, students will explore magazine covers and news reports. Using industry- standard software, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign, students will Photoshop their photographs taken with the DSLR cameras and treat the photographs professionally with Adobe InDesign to create a stunning magazine cover. Following this, students will then create News Broadcasts using the DSLR cameras, microphones, tripods, and green screen kit. Using Adobe Photoshop, students can replace the green screen with a range of location and studio backgrounds within Adobe Premiere Pro to deliver a fascinating report.

### Visual Art - Semester Elective – 8VAR1/2

- 2022 Course cost \$14 per semester

In Year 8 Visual Arts, students will be involved in a range of artworks such as drawing, painting, photography, digital art, ceramics and/or sculpture. Students will investigate contemporary and historical artists and will have the opportunity to display their work around the school and in our annual art exhibition.



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## Credit Card Payment Plan

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year at school :(2023) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**3 Credit Card Payments**

Debited at the end of February, March and April 2023

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Visa       Mastercard

Total Amount to be deducted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be deducted in three equal payments of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Credit Card Payment Plan Office Use Only

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Payment</b>			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Payment</b>			