Department of **Education**

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 6 April 2023

2023 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME YEARS 7 - 12

$115 Clothing Allowance - Paid to parent
$235 Education Program Allowance - Paid to school

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- Valid to claim with Parent/Guardian card only.
- Student cannot claim with own card if living with parent(s).
- Not eligible if student born in 2004 or before.
- If living as an independent student, letter of proof from Centrelink must be provided.
- Please complete form neatly and in **block** letters and retain a copy at the school.

SCHOOL NAME *(Please use school stamp)*

Newman College

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

SURNAME/FAMILY NAME | FIRST NAME

STREET ADDRESS (EG: 15 Jones Road) | SUBURB | POSTCODE

CONTACT PHONE No. | E-MAIL

PARENT/GUARDIAN SERVICES AUSTRALIA (CENTRELINK) CONCESSION CARD DETAILS

☐ **Centrelink Health Care Card (Family Card only NOT Student card)**

☐ **Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card**

☐ **Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card (Blue card only – expires Dec 2023)**

CARD No. (CRN OF PARENT/GUARDIAN): ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐-☐
(as per Centrelink Card)

START DATE ON CARD: ☐☐-☐☐-☐☐☐☐ **CARD EXPIRY Date:** ☐☐-☐☐-☐☐☐☐

STUDENT DETAILS

☐ **INDEPENDENT STUDENT** *(Attach letter from Centrelink)*

SURNAME/FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	YEAR LEVEL

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS OF PARENT/GUARDIAN *(Payments will only be made by EFT)*

Name of Account Holder(s): ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

BSB Number: *(6 digits)* ☐☐☐-☐☐☐ **Account Number:** *(up to 9 digits)* ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

- I have **not** claimed nor do I intend to claim the ABSTUDY School Fees Allowance in 2023 for any of these children.
- I have **not** claimed this allowance for any of these children at another school in Western Australia in 2023.
- I authorise the Centrelink to verify my current benefit status and other pertinent details to gain this entitlement.

I DECLARE THE ABOVE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT AND AM AWARE THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PROVIDE FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

WITNESS DECLARATION *(Concession card and application must be sighted and witnessed at attending school by a School Officer)*

I have sighted the claimant's card and confirm the details provided are correct and no other application has been submitted for students listed on this form.

PRINT NAME OF WITNESS | WITNESS SIGNATURE | POSITION HELD | DATE

If the form is completed and dated prior to the start of Term 1 complete the commencement confirmation below (tick box and enter current date).

☐ I confirm that the above student(s) has/have commenced at this school in Term 1, 2023 DATE:_____

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SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME NON GOVERNMENT (PRIVATE) SCHOOLS

Applications close 6 April 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

The State Government through the Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

Parents/guardians must apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) each school year (annually) – applications do not carry forward to future years.

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:

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

Application is made by the parent or guardian for student/s enrolled in Years 7–12 studying a full-time secondary course at a Western Australian non government (private) school.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

PLEASE NOTE: The only Veterans' 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.

The parent/guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid some time during first term. Students must be listed on claimant's card (except for some year 11 and 12 students, or in cases of disability/health reasons). In this instance, the school must sight both concession cards. The only exception to this is when a student holds their own health care card and has been declared independent by Centrelink (e.g. Living Away from Home). In this instance, a letter of confirmation from Centrelink needs to accompany the application. The concession card must not be expired when applying for SAS.

The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age i.e. students born in 2004 or before are ineligible in 2023.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms should not be altered and are to be completed at the school during Term 1 only. If the form is completed prior to the commencement of Term 1 the school must complete the enrolment confirmation section to confirm attendance. (Forms dated by the school prior to Term 1, 2023 will not be accepted). Please ensure you keep a photocopy of the signed form for school records

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.

PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS

Once the form is completed by the parent/guardian, the school will forward the **original forms** to the address below for processing.

The payment of the Educational Program Allowance is made directly to the school and should be deducted from your school account.

The Clothing Allowance payment will be deposited directly into the parent/guardian's bank account. It can take between 8 – 12 weeks to receive this payment.

If you change any of your details other than that supplied on the application form, please notify us as soon as possible on 9264 4516.

We will endeavour to have all clothing payments made to the parent/guardian by 30 June 2023.

POST TO

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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