

Leumeah High School

Senior Textbook Deposit Policy Procedures

Background.

For a number of years it has been a requirement for senior students to purchase many of their own text books in Years 11 and 12. This has been a significant cost for parents, which in some cases can run into many hundreds of dollars. Below you will find a table that indicates a typical pattern of study for students and what cost (based on 2011 textbook prices) is involved for the purchase of text books for that pattern of study.

Typical Pattern of Study – Cost of Textbooks for Years 11 and 12	Cost of Textbook Year 11	Cost of textbook Year 12	Total Subject Cost
English	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maths 2 Units	\$92.00	\$45.00	\$137.00
Society and Culture	\$55.00	N/A	\$55.00
Biology	\$55.00	\$50.00	\$105.00
Economics	N/A	\$69.00	\$69.00
Agriculture	\$44.00	n/A	\$44.00
		Overall Total	\$410.00

Aim

- a) To ensure a more equitable use of funds to enhance the learning opportunities for senior students.
- b) To provide a cohesive approach to the purchase of high quality texts to effectively prepare senior students for the preliminary and course and the HSC Exam.

Objectives:

1. To make textbooks more readily available to all senior students.
2. To significantly reduce costs for parents.
3. To be able to provide where appropriate, more than one textbook for a senior course.

Implementation:

From January 2012 all students commencing senior studies at Leumeah High School will pay a textbook deposit fee of \$150.00. This fee will cover the cost of the use of all textbooks required in Years 11 and 12. At the conclusion of the HSC Course, or if the student leaves school, prior to this time, the fee will be returned in full provided the following conditions are met:

- 1) School clearance fully completed.
- 2) All textbooks returned in acceptable condition.

If text books are not returned, or returned in an unacceptable condition, the cost of the textbook(s) will be deducted from the fee. The Senior Textbook Deposit policy is endorsed by the Leumeah High School P&C.

Policy Date: September, 2011

Note of explanation: Senior textbook Deposit policy

For many years it has been a requirement for senior students to purchase many of their own text books in Years 11 and 12. This has been a significant cost for parents, which in some cases can run into hundreds of dollars.

For all Year 11 students in 2012, Leumeah High School would like to introduce a textbook deposit scheme where for a fully refunded fee of \$150.00, students would receive all text books that they require for study for both Year 11 and then Year12. On completion of Year 12 (or on leaving school prior to the completion of year 12) and the return of all text books (in reasonable condition), parents would be refunded this textbook deposit in **FULL**, unless a student had lost or seriously damaged a textbook beyond use. In this case the cost of that textbook would be deducted from the textbook deposit fee.

The school believes this scheme offers a significant advantage over the present arrangement. It has the full endorsement of the schools P&C as it will significantly reduce costs for parents and allows for the school to be able to issue more than one textbook if appropriate to cover the course content if required.

The Senior textbook Policy will be discussed at the next P&C Meeting on Tuesday October 11th. Commencing at 6.30 in the staff common room. All parents are invited to attend to discuss any aspect of this policy. Alternatively, they may contact the Principal to discuss this matter on 46257755.