

Materials & Services Charges 2026 – Balaklava High School

Please find below information regarding the fee structure for students at Balaklava High School in 2026.

The procedure for school charges remains consistent with previous years. Any course fees applicable to each subject or year level, as part of the required curriculum, must first be approved by the Department for Education during the prior year and subsequently ratified by the Governing Council. Each student will be issued **one single Material and Service Charge per year**, which will include the standard Material and Service Charge along with any applicable subject/course-specific fees.

Attached to this notice is the watermarked **2026 Material and Service Charge** document, which has been approved by the Department for Education.

This document will be presented to the Governing Council for approval at a meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, 5 November**. Parents are invited to participate—particularly if there are any questions, objections, or comments regarding the listed charges. The meeting will begin at **5:30 pm**, and attendees are requested to arrive at the Front Office by this time.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you are welcome to provide written feedback to the Principal or the Governing Council Chairperson, **Karla May**, via email at DL.0769.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Once approved, the **2026 M&S Charge for Balaklava High School** will be:

- Year 7: \$550.00 plus a software and maths Levy - \$55.50
- Year 8: \$550.00 plus a software Levy - \$23.00
- Year 9: \$550.00 plus a software levy - \$23.00
- Year 10: \$550.00 plus a software levy - \$23.00, Food & Hospitality \$20.00, Tech Studies \$20.00
- Year 11: \$550.00 plus Child Studies \$35.00, Food & Hospitality \$35.00, Tech Studies \$20.00
- Year 12: \$550.00 plus Child Studies Levy \$60.00, Food & Hospitality Levy \$60.00, Tech Studies Levy \$30.00

2026 Materials & Services Charge Rebate: Eligible families in 2026 (those not approved for School Card), will again receive a \$200 discount on the above charges. This will appear as a credit note on the family statement.

For families eligible for the **School Card Scheme**, the procedures remain unchanged from last year. Both parents whose names appear on the card must sign the application form. Eligibility for the 2026 School Card Scheme is determined based on the **2024/2025 financial year's income limits**. While the final limits for 2026 are yet to be released, the table of income limits from the 2025 year may serve as a helpful guide for potential applicants.

Eligibility for the School Card Scheme is based solely on whether the applicant's combined family **gross income** falls within the prescribed income limits. It is not dependent on receiving Centrelink or Family Tax benefits.

Various application forms are available for the School Card Scheme. These forms can be collected from the Front Office or accessed online. Please use the following portal:



<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Number of dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$74,189	\$1,426
2	\$75,514	\$1,452
3	\$76,839	\$1,478
4	\$78,164	\$1,504
5	\$79,489	\$1,530
More than 5	Add \$1,325	Add \$26

Options for Paying M&S Fees and Other Invoices - 2026 M&S invoices will be issued early in Term 1, 2026

In 2026, Balaklava High School will continue to offer several convenient payment options for school-related expenses such as school fees, camp costs, etc. These options are outlined below:

1. **In Person**
Payments can be made at the Front Office using cash, cheque, or EFTPOS.
2. **Over the Phone**
You may pay by providing credit or debit card details via phone.
3. **School Card Applications**
 - o If you are eligible for the **School Card Scheme**, please complete a new application form **each year**.
 - o The cut-off date for 2026 applications is **mid-November, 2026**.
 - o Forms can be submitted to the school or directly to the School Card Section via the online platform.
 - o If you have children attending different schools (e.g., high school and primary school), an application form must be submitted to **each school**.
4. **Using the QKR App**
 - o Payments can also be made using the **QKR app**, which is available for download on mobile devices from the **Google Play Store (Android)** or the **Apple App Store (iPhone)**.
 - o For detailed instructions on how to use the app, please contact the School Office.

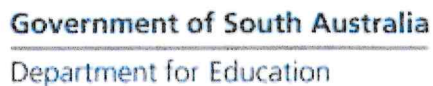
For further assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

Contact Details

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These subject charges are in addition to the M&S Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

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Balaklava High School - 0769		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2026		
Notice of Charges for Years 7 - 12		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$0.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$30.00
	Photocopied Material	\$50.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$80.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$40.00
	0	\$0.00
	0	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$40.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$150.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$60.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$175.00
	0	\$0.00
	0	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$385.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$45.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$45.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$550.00



Government
of South Australia

Hon Blair Boyer MP
Member for Wright

June 2025

Dear parent/caregiver

As cost of living pressures continue to affect many families, the South Australian Government is acting to deliver ongoing financial relief towards the cost of public education.

We want to reduce financial stress for families as much as we can and provide some reassurance for the coming years.

That is why, as part of the 2025-26 State Budget, families with school-aged children will continue to receive a \$200 discount per child on their public school's Materials and Services Charge for the next four years.

You don't need to do anything to claim the discount – it will automatically be applied by your school.

The discount does not apply to families approved for the School Card scheme as these families are not required to pay a Materials and Services Charge.

Information on School Card eligibility, income limits and the application process can be found at: SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme (www.sa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

Hon Blair Boyer MP
**Minister for Education, Training
and Skills**

Professor Martin Westwell
**Chief Executive
Department for Education**