

## College-Based Materials and Services Charges

*This document applies to charges for students enrolled directly with Open Access College (OAC).*

### **Materials and Services Charges:**

From 2027, the State Government is removing the universal (or base) Materials and Services Charge for students enrolled in South Australian government schools.

Families will not be charged a universal or base Materials and Services Charge for 2027.

The Department for Education will provide funding to schools to replace the funding previously received through the universal Materials and Services Charge. This funding will be indexed annually.

### **School Card:**

Families are encouraged to apply for the School Card program where eligible.

As Open Access College is an online school, School Card eligibility may assist with access to a device for students who require one to participate in their education. Families who may be eligible for School Card are encouraged to submit an application, even though the universal Materials and Services Charge has been discontinued from 2027.

### **Other Charges:**

Families will continue to be responsible for other charges where applicable, including digital devices, uniforms and optional excursions.

### **Payment & Refunds:**

Payment and refund arrangements will apply to specific charges such as optional excursions, uniforms and other goods or services where a fee is payable.

Where a refund is applicable, the amount refunded will be based on the circumstances of the cancellation or withdrawal and any costs already incurred by the College. Refunds will generally only be processed where the relevant goods or materials have been returned to Open Access College, where applicable.

For excursions and other activities, refunds may be subject to costs already committed or paid by the College to external providers.

### **Return of College Property:**

Students and families are responsible for returning OAC learning materials, library resources, uniforms or other College property when requested or when no longer required.

Where College property is not returned after reasonable requests, the College may seek recovery of the reasonable replacement or associated costs in accordance with Department for Education requirements and applicable procedures.

### **CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS:**

Student Services MUST be notified in writing of any changes to student or family contact information.

### **CONTACT STUDENT SERVICES:**

Email: [student.services805@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:student.services805@schools.sa.edu.au)

Telephone: 08 8309 3500 – Option 2

### **CONTACT FINANCE:**

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