

YEAR 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter includes important information about the fees and inclusions for the Student Resource Scheme (SRS). If you have previously opted in to the SRS your participation is assumed for the remainder of your child's enrolment, unless you inform the school otherwise by completing a new participation agreement form.

What is provided by the Queensland Government?

The Queensland Government supports children's education by providing funding for instruction (teachers), facilities (school grounds and buildings, internet) and administration (staff to run the school). Funding for schools does not extend to individual student resources such as textbooks, equipment for personal use, and many items used by the student in the classroom.

The school can purchase resources at lower rates due to its bulk buying power. Resources such as textbooks or musical instruments that will be used over a period of time are hired to students to further reduce costs for families. Participating in the SRS also offers a convenient way for parents to access the items their child needs for school, and ensures that all students have access to the same standard of resources.

The types of resources to be included are:

- → **Owned by the student** e.g., student diary and student ID card once provided, these items are retained by the student and used at their discretion.
- → **Hired to the student for a specific duration of time** e.g., textbooks or musical instrument these items will need to be returned to the school in reasonable condition at the end of the hire period or if the student leaves the school.
- → **Used in class** e.g., stationery, timber, material, workbooks these items will be used in class. Finished products that are created from these resources will generally come home with the student.

The full fee / first instalment is payable by Wednesday 28 February 2024

If you choose not to participate, the student will be invoiced the total amount shown in the General Items list (shown on page 3) for mandatory individual items (other than textbooks) supplied by the school for your student. Non participating students are responsible for purchasing their own textbooks as well as the personal requirements as outlined in the materials list. The indicative costs for the textbooks are shown in the table below for your convenience. Please note: non receipt of the participation form will result in the school invoicing the parent/carer for the non participation amount as shown on page 3 under General Items.

This document is supported by the Terms and Conditions of the Student Resource Scheme on the back of the Participation form and also on the last page of this document.

The Textbook and Resource Allowance

The Department of Education provides a Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) to assist parents with the cost of textbooks and other education resources for eligible Years 7 to 12 students.

For those students who are eligible to receive the TRA, the TRA will be applied to reduce the cost of participation as shown in the table below. Thus, the SRS invoice you receive will be the full cost of participation in the SRS minus the TRA already held at the school.

Please be aware that there may be two lines of charges on your invoice indicating the GST inclusive and GST exclusive fees depending on the resources supplied by the SRS.

Cost Breakdown

The diagram below reflects how the TRA has been deducted from the Total Cost of the SRS fee to give the amount payable by the Parent (for eligible students who have opted in to the Curriculum SRS).



Instalment Payments

If you have opted to pay the SRS by term instalments, you will receive an invoice for the full amount. Term instalments of one third of the amount will be due at the start of each school term 1, 2, & 3.

Financial Difficulty

If you would like to participate, but are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Business Manager to arrange an appointment to discuss options. Any information that you provide will be confidential.

Release of resources

Resources will be distributed to Year 8 Students if the previous year's fees have been paid in full. Any unpaid invoices will be managed according to the Department's Debt Management Procedure and may result in the student being excluded from the scheme and/or from participating in extra-curricular activities until payments are made.

Return of hired resources

A repair or replacement cost will be charged to the parent for any items that are damaged or not returned.

Contact us

If you have any queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with the school Business Manager - Phone 4636 8700.

The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme Inclusions

The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is made up of two components. The components are general items and resources for core and elective subjects. The tables below detail the SRS inclusions for these components.

General Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost / cost to parent not in scheme	Value to parent in scheme
General Items	Administration of Scheme	Used	\$55.00	\$55.00
	Student ID Card	Owned	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
	Student Pride Planner	Owned	\$14.00	\$14.00
	Printing Allowance	Used	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Photocopying Subject Resources / Toner	Used	\$35.00	\$35.00
	Access to ICT software – Various – including but not limited Adobe, Microsoft, ClickView, and online learning research data bases.	Used	\$83.00	\$83.00
Grand Total		\$215.00	\$215.00	

Subject	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost / cost to parent not in scheme	Value to parent in scheme
	Ag Tech Focus	Hired	\$59.95	\$20.00
	Enterprising Agriculture	Hired	\$49.95	\$16.65
Agriculture		Total	\$109.90	\$36.65
	Business Consumables: photocopy paper, some stationery items as required, internet access	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
Business		Total	\$10.00	\$10.00
	SOSE Civics for Queensland	Hired	\$42.95	\$14.30
	Economy and Society in SOSE	Hired	\$42.95	\$14.30
Civics		Total	\$85.90	\$28.60
	Digital Technologies for the Australian Curriculum	Hired	\$25.00	\$8.30
Digital Technologies		Total	\$25.00	\$8.30
	Various Year 8 English Novels	Hired	\$20.00	\$7.00
	The Pocket Macquarie Dictionary	Hired	\$24.00	\$8.00
English		Total	\$44.00	\$15.00

	Food For You Book 1 Third Edition	Hired	\$49.95	\$16.65
	Food Studies Consumables: eg: demonstration resources, photocopy paper, ingredients	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
Food Studies		Total	\$59.95	\$26.65
	Geography Alive 8	Hired	\$45.95	\$15.30
	Macmillan Global Atlas	Hired	\$24.95	\$8.30
	Geography Offsite Learning Resources	Used	\$5.00	\$5.00
Geography		Total	\$75.90	\$28.60
	History Alive 8	Hired	\$49.95	\$16.65
	Pearson History 8	Hired	\$63.00	\$21.00
	Jacaranda World History Atlas	Hired	\$46.95	\$15.65
History		Total	\$159.90	\$53.30
	Industrial Skills Consumables	Used	\$20.00	\$20.00
Industrial Skills		Total	\$20.00	\$20.00
	My Maths 8	Hired	\$70.00	\$23.30
	Maths Quest 1	Hired	\$50.95	\$17.00
	Maths for Qld 1	Hired	\$48.00	\$16.00
Maths		Total	\$168.95	\$56.30
	Pearson Science 8	Hired	\$59.95	\$20.00
Science		Total	\$59.95	\$20.00
	Textiles Consumables: photocopy paper, fabric, thread, pins, needles	Used	\$5.00	\$5.00
Textiles		Total	\$5.00	\$5.00
	Visual Arts Consumables Year 8	Used	\$11.00	\$11.00
Visual Arts		Total	\$11.00	\$11.00
Grand Total			\$666.50	\$319.40

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

- ❖ Parent/Carer is responsible for completing the Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement Form at the enrolment. This agreement is for the duration of the student's enrolment at the school, unless a new Participation Form is completed.
- ❖ Parents/Carers have the option annually to choose not to participate in the SRS. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to contact the school to advise of any change to participation / non participation.
- ❖ Students will supply their own personal requirements as outlined in the materials list.
- ❖ The SRS books issued to students must be kept in good condition.
- Students will be responsible for replacement of lost or negligently damaged books. Students will be charged for lost or damaged books.
- ❖ The parent/carer/student should immediately notify the school of the loss of any textbook.
- All textbooks provided under the scheme remain the property of the school. Books and resources provided under the scheme cannot be issued to students whose parents/carers choose not to participate.
- The Textbook and Resource Allowance and Parent Contribution calculation is based on the number of weeks the student attends school.
- The Principal may, at their discretion, refuse to admit any student to the scheme if there are any outstanding charges owing.
- Participation in the hire scheme may be terminated and hired textbooks and resources retrieved where the parent/carer has made no attempt to make payment, and no satisfactory arrangements for payment have been made.
- Previous years outstanding fees remain current until all are paid in full.
- ❖ Textbooks and resources will be withheld from the student until the Participation Agreement Form has been completed, signed and returned to the school.
- ❖ If at any time your primary Parent/Carer status changes for a student, you MUST contact the school and request a Change of Student Details for to be completed, signed and returned by yourself.
- Year 11 and 12 Certificate course costs are subject to change based on the most recent costs provided after publication of this document.
- ❖ The Textbook and Resource Allowance stated in the previous page may change subject to Departmental updates.

REFUNDS

- ❖ If a student leaves the school having paid the SRS fee, a pro rata refund will be processed. The refund is based on the full amount of both the Textbook and Resource Allowance and the parent/carer's contribution, less the cost of the consumed materials and/or the cost of replacing lost or damaged textbooks.
- Parents/carers of students who change or leave the school during the year are reminded it is their responsibility to apply for a refund.
- Contact the school to check your entitlement to a refund and sign the Refund form.
- ❖ Years 11 and 12 additional subjects changing in or out of an additional subject will incur a pro rata cost based on the number of terms studying the additional subject.