



# Student Resource Scheme Parent Information Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about our **2024 Student Resource Scheme (SRS)** including how the scheme operates and the annual participation fee.

The Queensland Government supports students' education by providing funding for:

- Instruction, e.g. teachers
- Facilities, e.g. buildings, amenities, furniture
- Administration, e.g. staffing and resources to administer the operations of the school.

Funding does not extend to individual student resources such as textbooks, computer or musical equipment for personal use, and many items used/consumed by the student in the classroom. Supply of these items is the responsibility of parents.

The SRS scheme ensures that students have the resources required for them to engage with the curriculum for their education, and saves parents time and money in sourcing the prescribed materials elsewhere. Savings are gained through the school's bulk purchasing practices and hiring arrangements. The scheme is not used to raise funds for other purposes, and revenue collected through the scheme is applied only to the resources and operation of the scheme.

## ***SRS Participation***

The objective of the scheme is to provide a convenient and cost-effective way for students to access the educational resources necessary to enhance their learning experience at school. The Department encourages parents to participate in the scheme. ***Participation is for the duration of your student's enrolment at the school.***

### **If your student is new to ESHS**

You are required to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time. If you opt out, you are required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for your student by the start of the school year.

### **If your student is continuing at ESHS**

Your participation level in the scheme continues as per previously completed Participation Agreement Form. You may opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years. If you opted out of the scheme you are required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for your student by the start of the school year.

## ***Resource Inclusions***

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the SRS Resource list found on the school's website under the Enrolment tab. This is a comprehensive list of all resources included in the scheme and their associated costs. You must inform the school if items on the list of resources are not received by your student when resources are distributed.

## ***Financial Hardship***

If you are experiencing financial hardship and are currently participating or wish to participate in the SRS please contact the school to discuss available options in confidence.

### **Payment Arrangement**

Several payment options including a single payment for the full year's fee or three instalments are available. An instalment plan can also be negotiated with the school.

Any unpaid invoices, will be managed according to the department's Debt Management Procedure and may result in your student being excluded from the scheme and/or from participating in non-curricular activities until payment is made.

### **Payment Method**

SRS payments can be made by QParent/BPOINT, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card) or Centrepay.

- Payment may be made through the QParents portal using a credit card. Payment will be directed from the QParents portal to BPOINT where relevant outstanding invoice information may be selected.
- When paying by BPOINT, please use the Customer Reference Number (CRN) and invoice number printed on the invoice received from the school. If unsure of the CRN, please contact the school.
- Centrepay Deductions are available to pay the SRS fees. Use Centrepay to make regular deductions from your Centrelink payment. Centrepay is a voluntary and easy payment option available to Centrelink customers. Go to [humanservices.gov.au/centrepay](https://humanservices.gov.au/centrepay) for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

### **SRS Fee and payment options** (2024 Fees \*subject to change)

SRS Category	SRS Fee Payable
Years 7, 8, 9	<b>\$460</b>
Years 10, 11, 12	<b>\$445</b>

Payment options	Due Dates	Years 7, 8, 9	Years 10, 11, 12
1. A single payment	10 November 2023	<b>\$ 460</b>	<b>\$ 445</b>
2. Three Instalments paid by the due dates listed.	Instalment 1: 10 November 2023	<b>\$ 160</b>	<b>\$ 160</b>
	Instalment 2: 1 February 2024	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>
	Instalment 3: 1 May 2024	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ 135</b>
3. A Payment Plan negotiated with the school			

If you choose to pay by Option 1 or 2 above, no further action on your part is required except to make your appropriate payment upon receipt of the invoice. If you choose Option 3, please contact our Finance Officer, Julie Parkinson on 07 5568 4330 and she can help you organise a payment plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any queries in relation to the SRS fees.



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