

## Student Resource Scheme

Dear Parents/Guardians

This letter includes important information about the fees and inclusions for the Student Resource Scheme (SRS). If you have previously opted into the SRS your participation is assumed for the remainder of your child's enrolment, unless you inform the school otherwise by requesting to complete a new participation agreement form. If you are a new parent to the school, this information will assist you in deciding as to whether you wish to participate in the SRS.

### **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 school in the classroom.

Participating in the SRS offers a convenient way for parents to source the items that their child needs for school, and ensures that all students have access to the same standard of resources. The school can purchase resources at a lower rate due to its bulk buying power.

### **The types of resources that will be included are:**

- **Owned by the student** – e.g. student diary, Workbooks/Worksheets– once provided, these items are retained by the student and used at their discretion.
- **Used in class** – e.g. stationery, art supplies – these items will be used in class. Finished products that are created from these resources will generally come home with the student. Cooking ingredients will be used for various programs and consumed by the student.

### **The Fee**

Our school has a flat fee for all students in the Junior Secondary Sector. Each student's needs are individual and teachers are able to provide resources to accommodate this.

If you are not satisfied that the SRS fee represents good value for money based on the inclusions (over the page), you may choose not to participate in the SRS. If that is the case, please complete a new Participation Agreement Form, indicating that you no longer wish to participate. If you choose not to participate, you will be provided with a more detailed list of resources that you will need to provide for your child, we have attached a brief outline of the approximate cost

### **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 7-12 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. This year the school is also offering a subsidy to cover part of the difference. Thus the SRS invoice you receive will be the full cost of

participation in the SRS minus School funded subsidy and the TRA already held at the school.

### Cost Breakdown

The table below reflects an example of how the TRA can be deducted from the SRS fee for eligible students who have opted in to the Curriculum SRS.

Cost of Student Resource Scheme	Minus (-)	Textbook and Resource Allowance	School funded Subsidy	Equals (=)	Invoice Total
\$562.50		\$160.00	\$202.50		<b>\$200.00</b>

**If you have opted to participate in the SRS you will be invoiced at the beginning of each school year for the full amount \$200.00.**

### Payment Options

- BPAY or BPOINT is our schools preferred option of payment (details of this are on the bottom of your invoice – please ensure you use the invoice number as the reference)
- Cash at the school office between 8.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
- Centrepay – Many eligible parents find this payment option to be the simplest way to pay this fee. Centrepay can also be used to pay for camps and excursions. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please fill in the attached form for Centrepay and return to the school office for processing.

### Financial Difficulty

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

### Release of Resources

Resources will not be distributed until the full or first payment has been paid to the school. 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.

### Contact us

If you have any questions regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with Darren Greenway (Principal)

Yours sincerely

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Principal