



Redlynch State College

Student Resource Scheme

Year 8 2024

Annual Parent Information Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **Year 8 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.

To provide parents with a cost-effective alternative to purchasing textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, Redlynch State College operates a SRS for 2024.

The 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.

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees are approved by the school's P&C Association annually.

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 in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school.

Student is new to the school.....

Parents are required to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time. If no participation form is received, the school will take the view that the parent has chosen to opt out of the SRS. The parent is then required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child by the start of the school year. A parent can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

Continuing student at the school..

A parent's participation or non-participation in the scheme will continue as per their previously completed Participation Agreement Form. A parent can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

If a parent has opted out of the scheme the parent is required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child by the start of the school year.

Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed below **SRS Resource List**. This list is also available on the school's website. This is a comprehensive list of all resources included in the scheme and their associated costs.

Parents must inform the school if items on the list of resources are not received by their child when resources are distributed.

Type of Resources provided

Generally, the three types of resources that could be included are:

- **Owned** – these items are retained by the student and used as required (e.g. stationery, exercise books, student diary).
- **Used** – these items are used/consumed in class by the student (e.g. industry technology/cooking/art supplies).
 - work/items produced from these resources will remain the property of the student.
- **Hired** – these items are hired to the student for their personal use for a specific period (e.g. textbooks, musical instruments, laptops).
 - Hired items must be returned to the school in good condition at the end of the hire period or if the student leaves the school.
 - A repair or replacement cost may be charged to the parent for any hired items that are damaged or not returned.

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 in the SRS. Information on the TRA can be found on the department's website (<https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance>).

Cost of SRS	TRA	SRS fee due
\$355.00	\$155.00	\$200.00

If you have opted to pay the SRS by term instalments you will receive an invoice for the full amount and instalments of \$100.00 will be due at the commencement of term one, and term two.

The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the school's website.

This also includes the TRA component which has been deducted to reduce the SRS fee payable.

* If the cost of the SRS is equal to the TRA rate, no SRS Fee is payable.

Payment Arrangement

Several payment options including a single payment for the full year's fee or term 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 the student being excluded from the scheme and/or from participating in non-curricular activities until payment is made.

(<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/accounts/Procedure%20Attachments/debt-management/debt-management.pdf>).

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParent/BPOINT, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card) and 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 for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

Financial Hardship

Parents experiencing financial hardship who are currently participating or wish to participate in the SRS should contact the school to discuss available options in confidence. To arrange an appointment with **Ms Max Wienert, Business Manager – Finance** call 4039 9423 or email mwien2@eq.edu.au

Year 8 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.

All Science, Industrial Technology and Home Economics students require shoes with impervious uppers. Students will be unable to enter laboratories and practical rooms if such footwear is not worn.

General Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
General Items	Student ID cards (for use outside of school)	Owned	\$10.00	10.00
	Annual Subscription: Clickview for Secondary	Hired		\$10.00
	Annual Subscription: Education Perfect - digital educational platform offering resources across various subject areas	Hired	\$300.00	\$77.00
	Annual Subscription: Turnitin (text-matching software that checks a student's written work against electronic texts from the Internet)	Hired		\$9.00
	Annual Subscription: Jacaranda Digital Textbooks	Hired	\$425.00	\$75.00
	Annual Subscription: Stile Education	Hired	\$44.00	\$17.00
	Annual Subscription: ADOBE software	Hired	\$264.00	\$10.00
	Colour Printing per page Black and white printing per page	Owned	0.60 0.10	\$60.00 \$15 per term)
Various Subject Areas	Hire/usage Hardcopy textbooks/reference materials/resources through Resource Centre	Hired		\$87.00
Total Cost Yr 8 SRS				\$355.00
Total Textbook and Resource Allowance				-\$155.00
Total Yr 8 SRS Fee				\$200.00

Other SRS Programs

Instrumental Music Program	This covers a variety of costs to the department including: - purchase of new music for ensembles and resources for lessons - photocopying and printing - purchase of department equipment such as music	Used	\$145.00	\$60.00
Instrumental Music Hire Acquisition cost is dependent on type of instrument	Use of school Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, or Cello	Hired	\$0.00	\$90.00
	Use of school Alto Saxophone or Baritone	Hired	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Use of school Tenor Saxophone, Bass Clarinet, Trombone, Euphonium, Baritone Sax, or Double Bass	Hired	\$0.00	\$110.00

Parents/Carers who do not wish to Participate in the SRS

Parents should complete the participation agreement form and select that they do **not** wish to participate. Parents will then need to provide the resources for their child based on the list provided by the school. The school will include a list of costs for any school produced workbooks or resources that a parent is unable to buy elsewhere.

Textbooks/Resources required when NOT participating in SRS

Subject	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost Value (to parent)
Art	Jacaranda Artwise Visual Arts AC 7-10 learnON (9781394198399)	Hired	\$75.00
Civics & Citizenship Economics & Business English Geography (Semester 1 or 2) History (Semester 1 or 2)	Jacaranda Humanities Alive 8 AC learnON (9781394150908)	Hired	\$75.00
	Jacaranda Atlas (9780730346159)	Hired	\$75.00
	Jacaranda myWorld Atlas (9780730351955)	Hired	\$75.00
	Jacaranda myWorld History Atlas (9780730351986)	Hired	\$75.00
Drama	Drama Active Book 2 (Stinson and Wall) (9780074712411)	Hired	\$34.95
English	Jacaranda NEW English 8 learnON (9780730392484)	Hired	\$75.00
	One novel per year from texts listed		
	The Fall (Hodder) (9780340911709)	Hired	\$11.90
	Follow the Rabbit Proof Fence (Pilkington, Doris) (9780702233552)	Hired	\$16.75
	Detention (Puffin) (9780143791799)	Hired	\$16.99
	A Monster Calls (Walker Books) (9781406339345)	Hired	\$19.99
	Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (Arena) (9781742372839)	Hired	\$29.99
	Tomorrow when the War Began (Pan Macmillan) (9781743548493)	Hired	\$18.95
	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (Rowling, J.K) (9780747532745)	Hired	\$16.95
	The Boy in Striped Pyjamas Boyne, John (Penguin) (97819009531192)	Hired	\$19.99
HPE	Jacaranda Health & Physical Education 7 & 8 (9781394151257)	Hired	\$50.00
Maths	Jacaranda Maths Quest 8 AC learnON (9781394194216)	Hired	\$75.00
Music	In Tune with Music Book 1 4th Edition (9780170380102)	Hired	\$76.90
	In Tune with Music Book 1 Score Book 4 Edition (9780070277229)	Hired	\$86.40
	Exploring Film Music (9780074704893)	Hired	\$57.23
Science	Jacaranda Science Quest 8 AC learnON (9781394151578)	Hired	\$75.00

Elective Subject Charges

Elective Subject Charges Some of the subject choices made by students have a charge associated with them. These charges cover the cost of basic ingredients or materials that are part of, or used to produce goods that are subsequently taken home as a finished product, ie Hospitality, Home Economics, Manual Arts subjects and Artwork. Other subjects such as Health and Physical Education, Outdoor Recreation and Certificate II in Outdoor Education will have ongoing costs associated with them to cover costs of camps, buses, hire of equipment and special presentations.

Relevant Elective Subject Charges will be invoiced to parents early in Term 1 once students have settled into subjects and classes. Electives are subject to capacity.

Additional excursion and sport costs will be advised as they occur.

Invoice Code	Elective Subject	Subject Fee
ART08	Visual Arts	60
ADP08	Athlete Development Program (on application)	80
DAN08	Dance	50
DAT08	Design and Technologies	80
DIG08	Digital Technologies	45
MED08	Media Arts	40
MUS08	Music	20
ORE08	Outdoor Recreation (on application)	200
RLE08	Rugby League Engagement Program	60
TES08	Technologies - Engineering Principles and Systems	80
TFD08	Technologies – Food Specialisations	160
TFF08	Technologies - Food and Fibre Production	110
TMT08	Technologies - Materials and Specialisations (wood)	110
TTZ08	Technologies - Materials and Specialisations 2 (metal)	110