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Student Resource Scheme Annual Parent Information Letter Year 8 for 2027

Dear Parents/Guardians

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. If you are a new parent to the school, this information will assist you in making a decision 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 student in the classroom.

The SRS helps parents to source these resources. 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 source the items that their child needs for school and ensures that all students have access to the same standard of resources.
The types of resources that will be included are:

- → **Owned by the student:** e.g. student diary – 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 instruments–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 – these items will be used in class. Finished products that are created from these resources will generally come home with the student.

The Fee
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 detailed list of resources **that you will need to provide** for the student.

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.

The TRA
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.

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Cost Breakdown
The diagrams below reflect how the TRA has been deducted from the SRS fee for eligible students who have opted in to the Curriculum SRS.

Cost of SRS		TRA		SRS fee due
$330.00	-	$164.00	=	$166.00

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. DoE Debt Management Procedure.

Financial Hardship
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.

Payment Method
SRS payments can be made by QParents/BPOINT, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), 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.

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.

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 our Student Resources Scheme and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with Kylie Street - College Business Manager please call 4039 9222 or email BM@redlynchsc@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.

	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
General Items	Subscription: Education Perfect	Hired	$300.00	$77.00
	Subscription: Jacaranda Digital Textbooks	Hired	$725.00	$80.00
	Annual Subscription: Stile Education	Hired	$59.00	$23.00
	Annual Subscription: ADOBE software	Hired	$264.00	$10.00
	Classroom consumables	Owned	$25.00	$10.00
	Reproduced/printed class workbooks, worksheets and teacher prepared material which complement and/or substitute textbooks	Owned	$60.00	$60.00
Various Subject Areas	Hire/usage Hardcopy textbooks/reference materials/resources through Resource Centre	Hired	**See costs below*	$70.00

Total Cost of SRS **$330.00**

Total Textbook and Resource Allowance (Deduction) **$164.00**

TOTAL SRS FEE PAYABLE **$166.00**

Other Optional SRS Programs

Program Resources	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition Cost	Value (to parent)
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	Use of school Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Cello, Viola or Violin	Hired	$0.00	$90.00
Acquisition cost is dependent on type of instrument	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

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

Parents are required to 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 invoice for 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
Art	Jacaranda Artwise Visual Arts AC 7-10 learnON (9781394198399)	Hired	$80.00
Geography/History	Jacaranda Humanities Alive 7 AC learnON (9781394150991)	Hired	$80.00
	Jacaranda Atlas (9780730346159)	Hired	$80.00
	Jacaranda myWorld Atlas (9780730351955)	Hired	$80.00
	Jacaranda myWorld History Atlas (9780730351986)	Hired	$80.00
Drama	Drama Active Book 2 (Stinson and Wall) (9780074712411)	Hired	$34.95
HPE	Jacaranda Health & Physical Education 7 & 8 (97801394151257)	Hired	$50.00
English	Jacaranda NEW English 8 learnON (9780730392484) One novel per year from texts listed	Hired	$80.00
	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
	The Boy in Striped Pyjamas Boyne, John (Penguin) (9781394151257)	Hired	$19.99
	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (Rowling, J.K) (9780747532745)	Hired	$16.95
Maths	Jacaranda Maths Quest 8 AC learnON (9781394194216)	Hired	$80.00
	Maths 8 Qld Nelson Mindtap Courseware	Hired	$15.00
	Listen to the Music 5th edition (9780074717561)	Hired	$62.95
Music	Listen to the Music - Performance Book (9780074717578)	Hired	$72.95
	Exploring Film Music (9780074704893)	Hired	$57.23
Science	Jacaranda Science Quest 8 AC learnON (9781394151578)	Hired	$80.00
	Annual Subscription: Stile Education - interactive science lessons	Hired	$59.00