

Student Resource Scheme Annual Parent Information Letter Year 8



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the 2025 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) including how the scheme operates and the annual participation fee.

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.

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 by 31/01/2025, 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 of 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.

The types of resources that will be included are:

Owned - e.g. student diary - once provided, these items are retained by the student and used at their discretion.

Hired - 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 - 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 SRS Participation Fee

The resource scheme is managed by Monto State High School with approval from the Monto State High School Parents and Citizens Association. This scheme provides the entire package for a set fee and is not available in parts. The fee is calculated as a flat rate per year level. Parents who have 3 or more students attending Monto State High School will receive a discount. With full payment of Resource Scheme Fee's for two students, a 50% discount will apply for any student thereafter.

If you are not satisfied that the SRS fee represents good value for money based on the inclusions, as outlined in the 'SRS – Summarised Costs' form. You may choose not to participate in the SRS. 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.

The Text Book 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.

Cost Breakdown

The diagram below reflects 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
\$255.00	\$155.00	\$100.00

Financial Hardship

Parents experiencing financial hardship who are currently participating or wish to participate in the SRS, please contact the school to discuss available options. Any information that you provide will be confidential.

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParents, BPOINT, Direct debit, QKR, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), Cheque, Cash or Centrepay.

- Payment may be made through the QParents portal using a debit or 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.
 - Payments can be made via Direct debit into the school bank account. Bank account details are: Monto State High School – BSB: 064 422 AC: 000 900 24. Please ensure you use the invoice number and student surname as a reference.
 - 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.
 - Payments can be made via QKR app, by selecting Monto State High School as the location and going into the school payments section, select payment then Student Resource Scheme.
 - Payments can be made at the school administration office between 8 am and 3.30 pm via cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with our Administration Office 07 4166 9555

Please complete the SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form and return to the school administration office by 31/01/2025.

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	Value (to parent)
General Items	Student Diary	Owned	\$25.00	\$25.00
	MSHS USB	Owned	\$7.00	\$7.00
	Headphones/ Headphone w	Used	\$60.00	\$30.00
	1 x Casio Scientific Calculat	Hired	\$55.00	\$20.00
Grand Total			\$147.00	\$82.00

Subject	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
English			\$277.40	\$22.50
	Class Novel Set: Hatchet / Trash / The Outsiders	Hired	\$18.00	\$6.00
	Class Graphic Novel - The Rabbits	Hired	\$18.00	\$6.00
	Stationary	Used	\$2.00	\$2.00
	IXL Software Subscription	Used	\$239.40	\$8.50
Science			\$61.00	\$21.00
	Text book: Pearson Science	Hired	\$60.00	\$20.00
	Whiteboard marker	Used	\$1.00	\$1.00
Visual Arts			\$57.67	\$57.67
	Moulding Clay	Used	\$16.87	\$16.87
	Assorted Paint	Used	\$35.00	\$35.00
	PVA Glue	Used	\$1.00	\$1.00
	Canvas	Used	\$2.80	\$2.80
	2B, 4B, HB Pencils	Used	\$2.00	\$2.00
Economics & Business			\$0.00	\$0.00
	N/A	(blank)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Digital Technology			\$0.00	\$0.00
	N/A	(blank)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Humanities			\$234.00	\$78.65
	Textbook: Jacaranda	Hired	\$74.00	\$24.66
	Textbook: Jacaranda Civics & Citizenship Alive	Hired	\$25.00	\$8.33
	Textbook: Oxford Big Ideas - Geography	Hired	\$68.00	\$22.66
	Textbook: Pearson History	Hired	\$66.00	\$22.00
	Art Supplies	Used	\$1.00	\$1.00
Health & Physical Education			\$90.00	\$30.00
	Textbook: HPE / with digital subscription	Hired	\$90.00	\$30.00

Japanese			\$3.00	\$3.00
	Art Supplies	Used	\$1.00	\$1.00
	Calligraphy Supplies	Used	\$2.00	\$2.00
Food Design & Technology			\$34.00	\$34.00
	Photocopies of Sewing Instructions	Used	\$4.00	\$4.00
	Cooking Ingredients, takeaway containers	Used	\$30.00	\$30.00
Industrial Technology & Design			\$595.25	\$29.50
	WHS Software: OnGuard	Used	\$569.25	\$3.50
	2B Pencils	Used	\$1.00	\$1.00
	Materials for Projects	Used	\$25.00	\$25.00
Wellbeing			\$3.00	\$3.00
	Stationary	Used	\$3.00	\$3.00
Agricultural Studies			\$77.50	\$25.83
	Text book: Ag Tech in Focus	Hired	\$77.50	\$25.83
Mathematics			\$336.40	\$60.83
	IXL Software Subscription	Used	\$239.40	\$8.50
	Text book: Cambridge Essential Mathematics	Hired	\$67.00	\$22.33
	Grid paper	Used	\$1.00	\$1.00
	Freefall Mathematics Worksheets	Used	\$9.00	\$9.00
	Mathematical Instrumental Kit	Used	\$20.00	\$20.00