

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME 2021

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why has the school chosen to run the Student Resource Scheme?

Parents/caregivers are responsible for providing their student with all the resources required to participate in each subject they study.

The SRS provides a cost effective alternative to having to purchase all the textbooks, Learning Journal, ID Card, a wide range of subject specific books, resources, equipment and consumables. The school also provides presentations and activities to promote student wellbeing.

The Parents and Citizens Association approved the continuation of the Student Resource Scheme in 2021 and the fee to be charged at the P&C meeting held on 09 September, 2020.

Do I receive more than just textbooks if I join?

The textbooks required for your student in their subject areas are provided if participating in the SRS as take home loans or in class sets as appropriate.

Textbooks are an important but only a small part of what is provided when students participate.

A wide range of equipment, photocopied resources, software, consumables and materials are used in each subject. The students also receive a Learning Journal, ID Card and other resources as listed on the SRS Resource List. This list is available on the school's website or in hard copy from Student Services.

What if I don't join?

Participation in the Student Resource Scheme is voluntary, however, if you choose not to join you will be required to provide all of the textbooks, pay a fee for each subject your student is undertaking, purchase other requirements such as the Learning Journal and ID Card and pay for any school funded wellbeing presentations that may be provided to students from external providers.

What if I don't want to join the Student Resource Scheme and purchase the items that are on the SRS Resource List?

The list – SRS Resource 2021 – for each year level will be available on the school's website in late November, 2020.

The students use a wide range of equipment, materials, consumables and resources in their classes. Many items would be difficult to purchase and paying for the various photocopied resources, buying the range of books, dictionaries, novels and plays used in classes would prove very expensive.

It is also beneficial for the students if all classes have consistency of equipment, materials and consumables particularly in Design Technology, Science, Horticulture, HPE and The Arts.

It is for this reason the school charges a subject fee for students not participating in the SRS.

What is the fee for 2021?

The cost to participate in the Student Resource Scheme in 2021 is \$405. This amount is the same as 2019 and 2020.

Since JAC and CAD subjects are a part of the SRS, students participating in these programs pay an additional fee of:

CAD – Performing Arts – \$400

CAD – Arts and Media – \$200

JAC – \$460

There is also an additional fee for students participating in the Instrumental Music program.

One Ensemble – \$125

Two + Ensemble – \$175

I am having some financial difficulties at the moment. Is the school able to assist?

The school does provide an option for families to pay the fee in 3 instalments. The payments are due at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the school's Business Manager to make an alternate payment plan.

I understand the school receives a payment from the government for each student to assist with school costs. Can you explain this?

The school receives a payment called the Textbook and Resource Allowance.

The allowance is provided by the State Government to offset the cost of participating in the school's Student Resource Scheme.

The rate for 2021 is:

Years 7 to 10 \$130.00 per student

Years 11 and 12 \$281.00 per student

Without receiving this allowance the cost to participate in the SRS would be:

Years 7 – 10 \$535.00 per student

Years 11 and 12 \$686.00 per student

For students not participating in the SRS, a refund of the allowance will be paid, however, all textbooks must be provided and the subject fees paid.

What do I need to do to join the SRS?

All students are provided with a Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement Form (PAF). This form has been developed by the Department of Education (DoE) and is used in all schools.

You are required to complete the form and return it to the school promptly. Please note that you are only required to complete the PAF once for the duration of your student's enrolment. If you have completed the PAF for the 2020 school year, you will not need to submit again for 2021. You can opt out of the SRS by completing another PAF form.

If you do not return the form, your student may not be accepted in to the SRS.

What if I choose not to participate?

You will be required to return the form indicating non-participation. Your student will not be issued with textbooks by the school and you will be invoiced for each subject studied and for the other resources required.

I still have questions. Where can I get further information?

The Participation Agreement Form has detailed information on the back.

You are also welcome to contact the school Business Manager, Donna Garrad, on 3347 5555 or by email bsm@strettonsc.eq.edu.au.