

Student Resource Scheme - Annual Parent Information Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians

This letter contains important information about the **2023 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, Baringa State Primary School operates a SRS for 2023.

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 were approved by the school's P&C Association.

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 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.

Costing Methodology

The schools SRS fee is calculated based on:

1. A flat fee for all students in the school, OR
2. A flat fee for a cohort group of students (e.g. a year level), OR
3. A fee determined by the subjects selected by the individual student.

The SRS Participation Fee

The **SRS fee payable for the year is \$110.00**. An invoice will be forwarded at the beginning of term 1 if you have agreed to participate in the scheme.

Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the below **SRS Resource list**. This is a comprehensive list of all resources included in the scheme and their associated costs. **Cost to the parent is only \$110.00**

Prep		Year 1 – 2		Year 3 - 6	
Tricky Word Writing pack	\$15.00	Initial Lit Workbook	\$10.00	Spelling Mastery workbook	\$26.00
Reading Eggs	\$95.00	Reading Eggs	\$95.00	Literacy Pro	\$85.00
Mathseeds	\$95.00	Mathletics	\$99.00	Mathletics	\$99.00
Art Consumables (paint, glue, brushes, clay)	\$50.00	Art Consumables (paint, glue, brushes, clay)	\$40.00	Art Consumables (paint, glue, brushes, clay)	\$40.00
Science consumables	\$10.00	Science consumables	\$15.00	Science consumables	\$15.00
Cooking consumables	\$10.00	Cooking consumables	\$15.00	Cooking consumables	\$15.00
Use of ICT equipment including robotics, cameras	\$22.00	Use of ICT equipment including robotics, cameras, Apps	\$31.00	Use of ICT equipment including robotics, cameras, Apps	\$30.00
Photocopying/laminating	\$25.00	Photocopying/laminating	\$25.00	Photocopying/laminating	\$20.00
STEM consumables	\$30.00	STEM consumables	\$30.00	STEM consumables	\$30.00
School Library Bag	\$8.00				
Administration of Scheme	\$10.00	Administration of Scheme	\$10.00	Administration of Scheme	\$10.00
Seesaw	\$7.70	Seesaw	\$7.70	Seesaw	\$7.70
Approx Total	\$377.70		\$377.70		\$377.70

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 of time (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.

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.

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 QKR, QParent/BPOINT, BPAY, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), Cheque, Cash, Centrepay.

- Payment may be made through the QParents portal using a credit card.
- 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. Contact the school to set up your Centrepay deductions.

Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact the Business Manager on 5390 2333.