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Student Resource Scheme – Year 10 **Annual Parent Information Letter**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the 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, Woree State High School 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 were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on 15/06/2021.

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 upon enrolment, 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.

Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the attached 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 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.

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.

Please refer to the <u>SRS Resource list</u> for the associated costings. (provided upon request)

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 (<u>https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance</u>).

Year level	TRA Rate
Years 7 to 10	\$155
Years 11 to 12	\$337

The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the schools 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.

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 (https://ppr.ged.gld.gov.au/pp/debt-management-procedure).

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParent/BPOINT, BPAY, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), Cheque, Cash, 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 <u>humanservices.gov.au/centrepay</u> for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please phone 4081 5222 to arrange an appointment with the Business Manager.

Please complete the SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form and return to the school administration office with your enrolment application.



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SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form – Yr 10

Section 1: Student Details

Student Name	
Student ID	

Section 2: Fees & Charges

		Fee Payable
SRS	Year 10 SRS Curriculum Resources	\$350.00
	Tier 1 - \$60.00	
s	Digital Media Arts	\$
Fees	Visual Art	\$
ect	Tier 2 - \$110	
Subject	Catering @ 10	\$
	Foundations in Engineering	\$
	Practical Design & Industrial Technology	\$
	Total Fee Payable	\$

Section 3: Payment Arrangement

Please select the preferred payment options:

Payment options	Instalments	Amount/s	Option Selected
1. A single payment for the full year's fee	Instalment 1:	\$	
2. An instalment plan as negotiated with the school		\$	

Section 4: Return of the Participation Form

Parents are reminded to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time or opting in/out during the student's enrolment.

Have you completed and returned the SRS Participation Agreement Form?

No

Yes

Please note if you choose to opt out of the SRS, you are still required to complete and return the Participation Agreement Form.

Section 5: Parent Signature

Parent Name	
Parent Signature	
Date	



Base Fee \$350 – Includes:

Textbooks for all subjects (loan)

Online / electronic textbook access for relevant subjects

Full Microsoft Office Suite for home and school use Student Planner

School ID Card – for external use (student discounts, transport)

Workshops, training, performances and competition entries eg. ICAS, that are part of curriculum

Audio-visual software to enhance student learning

Computer software and access to technology to be used in the classroom

Some materials for practical subjects e.g. wood, metal, paint, screws, tools etc

Woree State High School produced photocopying and handouts

Basic consumables used in subjects

Access to Britannica and 'Clickview' software applications

2024 Possible Additional Fees and Charges

Excursions, Workshops, Training Courses etc – Approximated Costs NB Opportunities to participate in other excursions, workshops, courses etc not listed may be provided to students throughout the year as they become available

Possible Excursion and Extra Curricular Costs – Invoiced as required – Costs Approximated			
Drama	Workshop	\$30	
Health and Physical Education	Excursions	\$30	
Health and Physical Education	HBEEC Excursion	\$30	
Humanities / History	Excursions	\$15	
Introduction to Aquatic Practices	Pool Work and Excursions	\$95	
Work Experience	Optional Work Experience	\$50	

