Student Resource Scheme (SRS)
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Student Resource Scheme?

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is a fee that is charged to cover the learning resources, materials and equipment that the school will purchase for students to use in the classroom. These are resources that are not covered by government school funding which provides for teaching staff, facilities (buildings, furniture etc) and administration to support the operation of the school. The resources and materials included in the SRS are stated on the Resource List.

Do I have to participate in the SRS?

The purpose of the SRS is to provide a convenient and cost-effective way of supplying resources that your child needs within the classroom to learn. The school can utilise bulk purchasing power and GST exemptions to reduce the cost to parents. There is no obligation to participate in SRS, however if you choose not to, you are required to source and provide the resources for your child to use in the classroom. These must be the same items that the class group are using so that your child is not disadvantaged. These resources must be supplied to the classroom teachers by Week 3, Term 1 each year.

What does User Pays mean?

User Pays fees are charges for activities that are not covered by the SRS that your child participates in. This can include excursions and extracurricular activities, excellence program fees, certificate courses, sport and music tuition. You can get an indication of some of these costs on the Schedule of Fees.

How do I agree to the SRS?

The SRS agreement is an online form which is issued in QParents. For current students, participation in the SRS is for the length of enrolment and is not automatically resent each school year. If you have already provided consent and don't wish to change this, there is no further action. For new students, parents are required to complete the online SRS Participation Agreement Form via QParents (sent in Term 1 each year). You can choose to change your SRS agreement in future years by contacting the school.

When will the invoice for the SRS be sent?

If you have opted out of the SRS or the consent form in QParents has not been completed by the due date, the school will take the view that you have opted out of the SRS. The parent must then supply all resources required by Week 3, Term 1.

Families who have completed the SRS consent form, will be issued with an invoice for payment which will be due by the end of Week 6, Term 1. In cases of financial hardship, the Finance Department can assist with a payment plan for the SRS.

What is the Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA)?

The Textbook and Resource Allowance is government funding provided to parents via their school to assist with the cost of learning resources. The TRA is allocated towards the SRS and will therefore reduce the SRS fee charged to parents.

What does acquisition cost and value to parent on the Resource List mean?

To demonstrate the value offered by the SRS an acquisition cost is provided on the resource list as a guide for what you could expect to pay to source the materials and items required to support your child's classroom learning. This cost can be much higher than the charge within the SRS as you may need to buy an entire pack or set of items to obtain the one part that your child will need. As a school, we can purchase in bulk, split up the sets/packs across multiple students and do not pay GST on purchases of these resources. The value to the parent is the cost you will be charged within the SRS for the item. It is not in addition to the SRS, but is the individual cost that is then totalled to work out the SRS cost.

What are the type of resources included the SRS?

On the Resource List there is a column that indicates if a resource is Owned, Used or Hired.

- Owned resources are retained by the student for their own use eg; the student diary.
- Used resources are used/consumed in the classroom eg; paint in an art class.
- Hired items are loaned to the student for a specific time period and must be returned at the end in good condition, able to be used by the next student eg; English novel issued to students to read as part of the unit of work being completed by their class.

Understanding the type of resource on the list can help you to understand the value to parents in the SRS charges.