

Broadbeach State School



Student Resource Scheme (SRS)

Information for Parents/Carers

What is the Student Resource Scheme (SRS)?

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) has been developed to provide parents with cost effective access to textbooks, resources, consumables and/or materials through reduced prices gained via the school's bulk purchasing processes. The SRS provides an entire package for the specified participation fee and is not available in parts.

Participation in the scheme is desirable, but no obligation is placed on a parent/carer to participate. A parent's decision to participate is based on consideration of the value afforded by the scheme.

Why join the SRS?

The advantages of bulk procurement by the school can provide significant savings for parents/carers. With regard to online software the school is able to negotiate significant discounts with some single programs retailing to parents for as much as \$199 per student. Furthermore, we are able to secure a 15% discount on most textbooks used, which is not available through retail outlets.

How does the SRS operate?

Lodgement of a completed SRS Participation Agreement Form with the school allows parents/carers to enter into an arrangement for the supply of the relevant materials for the duration of the child's enrolment at the school. Parents/carers can opt out of the SRS in any year by completing a new Participation Agreement Form.

How much does the SRS cost?

The approved P&C SRS fee for 2024 is \$280.00 per student.

What is included in the SRS?

The Student Resource Scheme includes an extensive range of textbooks and/or educational resources that, in the absence of the scheme, would normally be purchased by the parent for the student's use at school. The scheme may include printed material such as workbooks and worksheets, produced by the school in lieu of a prescribed textbook.

The following list is intended to be informative rather than definitive, and is provided as a guide only.

- photocopied materials
- textbooks and workbooks (Spelling Mastery, Maths Mastery, CMC Maths, Reading Mastery)
- stationery
- consumables
- exercise books
- art and craft supplies
- online computer programs (Mathletics, Literacy Planet, Maths Online etc)
- Values and Religious Education resources



What is not included in the SRS?

The Student Resource Scheme does not include:

- student internet access
- resources funded by the state through grant funding to provide a core educational service
- optional school activities such as excursions, camps, performances and graduation.

What do I do if I wish to participate in the SRS?

1. Return the Participation Agreement Form to the office - no payment required at this time, however payment can be made anytime once the **invoice is received**.
2. Pay the participation fee **by the end of term one**.

In circumstances of financial hardship, contact the principal or designated officer to discuss how your financial obligations can be met throughout the school year, or to negotiate alternative arrangements such as Centrepay that may be available to accommodate individual circumstances.

What if I want to participate in only part of the SRS?

The SRS provides an entire package for the specified participation fee and due to Education Department policy is not available in parts.



What if I do not wish to participate in the SRS?

Should you not wish to join the SRS please return the Participation Agreement Form marked "NO". You will then be responsible for providing your child with the items that would otherwise have been provided through the SRS. A detailed booklist will be provided to families who choose this option.

Given the SRS can't be split you will also need to purchase the relevant online computer programs and textbooks direct with the supplier as listed on the booklist.

How can payment be made for the SRS?

Payments can be made using one of the following once the invoice is received:

- BPoint/QParents
- phone credit card payment by BPoint - phone 1300631073 (school is unable to process any credit card payments over the phone)
- Centrepay deductions arranged by speaking with the finance staff

What are the payment requirements for the SRS?

Participation in the SRS requires a Participation Agreement Form to be completed, signed and returned to the school. Return of the form indicates a contract between the school and parent/carer to provide the materials and resources for the school year. Payments can be made at any time after the invoice is issued, however **full payment is required by the end of term one**.



Before a student can be considered for participation in an optional school activity such as interschool sport, Graduation, camp, a parent who has joined the scheme is expected to have:

- fully paid the Student Resource Scheme participation fee **or**
- made regular on-going payments towards the Student Resource Scheme fee, as previously arranged with the principal

Parents experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the principal or designated officer to discuss payment or resourcing options.

An unpaid fee will be subject to the school's debt recovery processes.

- **What important date do I need to note for the SRS?**
- **End of term one - final day for payment unless a payment plan or Centrepay deductions have been negotiated.**

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