



Student Resource Scheme 2024 Parent/Carer Information Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 program.

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 parent/carers.

To provide parents/carers with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks and/or particular resources elsewhere, West End State School operates an SRS.

The scheme ensures that students have the resources required to engage with the curriculum for their education, and saves parents/carers time and money. Savings are gained through the school's bulk purchasing practices and Preferred Supplier 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.

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/carers to participate in the scheme, however participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on parents/carers. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school.

Students who are new to WESS.....

Parents/Carers are required to complete and return the Participation Agreement Form (PAF) when joining the scheme for the first time. A parent/carers can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another PAF.

Continuing student of the school.....

A parent's participation or non-participation in the scheme will continue as per their previously completed PAF, however you can change your preference by completing another PAF.

SRS breakdown for 2024

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on 12th September 2023.

Please note that the SRS is separate to the booklist for each year level. The booklist will be available for purchase via Olympia Office Products.

SRS 2024	
Prep \$120.00	This fee covers IT, applications, software and online programs (including SeeSaw and Switch4Schools) used <u>in place of</u> textbooks or other learning resources, Reference materials (printed to complement and/or substitute for textbooks – e.g teacher-prepared or downloaded), Consumables (science experiments, art supplies, maths supplies, HPE equipment, enquiry based early years resources, cooking consumables).
Year 1 \$120.00	This fee covers IT, applications, software and online programs (including SeeSaw and Switch4Schools) used <u>in place of</u> textbooks or other learning resources, Reference materials (printed to complement and/or substitute for textbooks – e.g teacher-prepared or downloaded), Consumables (science experiments, art supplies, maths supplies, HPE equipment, enquiry based early years resources, cooking consumables).
Year 2 \$120.00	This fee covers IT, applications, software and online programs (including SeeSaw and Switch4Schools) used <u>in place of</u> textbooks or other learning resources, Reference materials (printed to complement and/or substitute for textbooks – e.g teacher-prepared or downloaded), Consumables (science experiments, art supplies, maths supplies, HPE equipment, enquiry based early years resources, cooking consumables).
Year 3 \$120.00	This fee covers IT, applications, software and online programs (including SeeSaw and Switch4Schools) used <u>in place of</u> textbooks or other learning resources, Reference materials (printed to complement and/or substitute for textbooks – e.g teacher-prepared or downloaded), Consumables (science experiments, art supplies, maths supplies, HPE equipment, enquiry based early years resources, cooking consumables).
Year 4 \$120.00	This fee covers IT, applications, software and online programs (including SeeSaw and Switch4Schools) used <u>in place of</u> textbooks or other learning resources, Reference materials (printed to complement and/or substitute for textbooks – e.g teacher-prepared or downloaded), Consumables (science experiments, art supplies, maths supplies, HPE equipment).
Year 5 \$120.00	This fee covers IT, applications, software and online programs (including SeeSaw and Switch4Schools) used <u>in place of</u> textbooks or other learning resources, Reference materials (printed to complement and/or substitute for textbooks – e.g teacher-prepared or downloaded), Consumables (science experiments, art supplies, maths supplies, HPE equipment).
Year 6 \$120.00	This fee covers IT, applications, software and online programs (including SeeSaw and Switch4Schools) used <u>in place of</u> textbooks or other learning resources, Reference materials (printed to complement and/or substitute for textbooks – e.g teacher-prepared or downloaded), Consumables (science experiments, art supplies, maths supplies, HPE equipment).

Financial Hardship

Parents/Carers experiencing financial hardship should contact the school to discuss payment options in confidence.

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParents, BPOINT, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), or Bank Transfer.

- Payment can be made through the QParents portal using a credit card and 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 issued by the school. If unsure of the CRN, please contact the school.
- For Bank Transfer payments, please contact the school for Bank Account details.

If you are joining the scheme for the first time at WESS, or wish to change your preference, please complete the attached SRS PAF and return to the school Administration Office. You will receive an Invoice once school commences in 2024.

Regards,



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