

Student Resource Scheme – Year 8

Annual Parent Information Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **2022 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 college.

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, Brisbane Bayside State College operates a SRS.

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 college'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 college's P&C Association at the meeting held on 14 September 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.

Continuing Students and New Students who have not completed a Participation Agreement Form (PAF)

Parents are required to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form (PAF) when joining the scheme for the first time. If no participation form is received by **24 January 2022**, 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 Students and New Students who have already completed a PAF

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.

Parents only need to complete one Participation Agreement Form, agreeing to join the scheme, which covers the SRS-Year 8, as well as the SRS-Instrumental Music and SRS-Laptop Hire as required. Students are unable to participate in Instrumental Music or temporarily hire a laptop if a SRS Participation Agreement form is not returned to the college by the due date.

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. Student ID Card).
- **Used** – these items are used/consumed in class by the student (e.g. stationery, timber, material, workbooks, 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 college in good condition at the end of the hire period or if the student leaves the college.
 - A repair or replacement cost may be charged to the parent for any hired items that are damaged or not returned.



The SRS Participation Fee

The 'SRS - Year 8' is a Flat Fee SRS that covers the cost of the General Items, the Core Subjects and the Elective Rotations. If you are not satisfied that the SRS fee represents good value for money based on the inclusions, as outlined in the 'SRS - Year 8 Summarised Costs' form, you may choose not to participate in the SRS. If you choose not to participate, you will be provided with a detailed list of resources that you will need to provide for the student.

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

Year level	TRA Rate
Years 7 to 10	\$136
Years 11 to 12	\$295

The SRS Fee and Payment

The SRS – Year 8 Fee is summarised below. The SRS Fee is the cost of the SRS, less the TRA, less the cost the college will subsidise. The subsidy is to make the cost even more affordable for the parent and replaces the discount for prepayment offered in previous years.

Cost of SRS	TRA	College to Subsidise	SRS Fee Due
\$562.80	\$136.00	\$101.80	\$325.00

Payment options include a single payment for the full year's fee or term instalments. Parents wishing to pay in instalments must email the completed [Payment Plan Form](#) to finance@brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au. The SRS Flat Fee of \$325 will be invoiced in early February and can be paid in full or in three instalments, as detailed on the [Payment Plan Form](#). The three instalments are as follows: Term 1: \$125 Term 2: \$100 Term 3: \$100

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.

Financial Hardship

Parents experiencing financial hardship who are currently participating or wish to participate in the SRS should contact the college to discuss available options in confidence.

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by BPOINT/QParent, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), Centrepay.

- When paying by BPOINT, please use the Customer Reference Number (CRN) and invoice number printed on the invoice received from the college. If unsure of the CRN, please contact the college. For more information on BPOINT go to <https://brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au/supportandresources/formsanddocuments/documents/payments/bpoint-how-to-use.pdf>
- 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.
- 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 humanservices.gov.au/centrepay for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, payments and payment plans, please contact the Finance Officer:

Paula Hewitt
Finance Officer

Email: finance@brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au

Phone: 3895 5340

Parents who have not yet completed a Participation Agreement Form are reminded to complete and return it as soon as possible or before the due date, 24 January 2022.

Other SRS Fees

OTHER SRS FEES - Enter the cost of any additional SRS fee you will be using in the Other SRS Fee Due Column below:

Other SRS	SRS Fee	Other SRS Fee Due
Instrumental Music Hire	\$150	
Instrumental Music Levy	\$50	
Instrumental Music Maintenance Fee *	\$35	
Laptop Hire Fee – Semester	\$200	
Laptop Hire Fee – Annual	\$400	
TOTAL OTHER SRS FEES DUE		

* Percussion Instruments Only

For Parent Information regarding the other SRS details and costs please use the following links:

- [Instrumental Music](#)
- [Laptop Hire](#)

PLEASE NOTE: BBSC has a BYOD policy, but for parents that are not able to purchase a computer outright, there is the option to hire for the short term.

SRS FEES – Flat and Other Fees Calculated

If the Fees for subjects to be studied are entered in the two Fee sections above, the total Fees to be paid are listed below.

TOTAL SRS FEES	TOTAL SRS FEES DUE
Year 8 – SRS Flat Fee	
Instrumental Music Fees	
Laptop Hire	
TOTAL FEES DUE	

The SRS Flat Fee will be invoiced in Term 1, Week 3 (or upon enrolment) and will be due 30 days after the date of invoice. Other SRS fees will be invoiced after application and will be due 30 days after the date of invoice.

Instalment Plans can also be negotiated by completing the [Payment Plan form](#) and returning it by email to finance@brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au.

PLEASE NOTE: If a student changes subjects or leaves the college, some charges are not refundable where they relate to payments for specialised resources.

There will be additional charges for: Sports, Camps, Excursions, Performances and Competitions.

Brisbane BaySide State College
2022 - SRS Year 8 Summarised Costs

The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme Inclusions

The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is made up of three components. The three components are general items, resources for core subjects and resources for elective subjects. The tables below detail the SRS inclusions for these three components.

General Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition Cost	Value (to parent)
General Items	Administration of Scheme	Hired	\$15.00	\$15.00
General items	Student Planner	Hired	\$10.00	\$10.00
General Items	Student ID Card	Owned	\$5.00	\$5.00
General items	Printing Credit	Owned	\$5.00	\$5.00
General Items	Jacaranda Digital Textbook Bundle (English, Maths, Science, Humanities, HPE, Art)	Hired	\$110.00	\$110.00
General Items	IT Applications and Support - ReadCloud, Adobe Design and Web Suite, ClickView and IT support	Hired	\$90.00	\$90.00
Core Subjects	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition Cost	Value (to parent)
English	English 8	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
English	Knowledge Quest English 1 Online Game	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
English	Novel - Don't Call Me Ishmael or World Shaker	Hired	\$22.96	\$4.59
English	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
English	In class stationery resources	Used	\$29.14	\$17.18
Mathematics	Maths Quest 8 3e AC	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Mathematics	AssessON Maths Quest 8 2e AC	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Mathematics	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$5.00	\$5.00
Mathematics	In class resources	Used	\$318.51	\$6.19
Humanities	History Alive 7 2e AC	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Humanities	Geography Alive 7 2e AC	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Humanities	Jacaranda myWorld Atlas	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Humanities	Jacaranda myWorld History Atlas	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Humanities	Civics and Citizenship 7	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Humanities	Economics & Business Alive 7 AC,	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Humanities	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
Science	Science Quest 8 3e AC	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Science	AssessON Science Quest 8 2e AC	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Science	Stile Science Subscription (digital platform)	Hired	\$43.50	\$16.00
Science	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement Textbooks	Used	\$18.00	\$18.00
Science	Science Kit - Equipment for Experiments	Used	\$80.60	\$15.45
Science	Materials for Experiments	Used	\$44.20	\$11.05
Wellbeing	Brainstorm Productions	Hired	\$6.40	\$6.40
Wellbeing	UPP (Unleashing Personal Potential) Program	Hired	\$7.60	\$7.60
Elective Rotations	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition Cost	Value (to parent)
HPE	Health & Physical Education 7 & 8	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
HPE	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
HPE	Sporting Equipment	Used	\$302.00	\$6.00
STEP	Health & Physical Education 7 & 8	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
STEP	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
STEP	Sporting Equipment	Used	\$357.00	\$10.00
STEM	MindStorm Lego	Used	\$300.00	\$6.00
STEM	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
Technology	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
Technology	Cooking - Ingredients - 5 recipes	Used	\$24.25	\$21.60
Technology	Cooking - Consumables	Used	\$21.73	\$21.83
Technology	Sewing - Project Materials	Used	\$16.50	\$16.50
Technology	ITD - Project Materials	Used	\$214.75	\$8.59
Visual Art	Artwise Visual Arts AC 7-10 eBook	Hired	Included in Bundle	Included in Bundle
Visual Art	Visual Art Diary	Owned	\$4.75	\$4.75
Visual Art	Consumables for Art Projects (paint, canvas, pens, paper, etc)	Used	\$845.34	\$30.19
Dance	Consumables (knee pads, music, Choreography booklet)	Used	\$268.90	\$38.00
Drama	Book, DVD, Soundtrack - 'Where the Wild Things Are'	Hired	\$64.99	\$2.54
Drama	Consumables (music, butcher paper, etc)	Used	\$99.90	\$5.43
Music	Consumables (strings, batteries, songs)	Used	\$565.17	\$19.91
Japanese	Pocket Kenkyusha Japanese Dictionary	Hired	\$26.95	\$5.39
Japanese	A guide to Reading and Writing Japanese	Hired	\$27.00	\$5.40
Japanese	Education Perfect	Used	\$9.77	\$9.77
French	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$5.00	\$5.00
French	Collins French Dictionary	Hired	\$28.95	\$5.79
French	Education Perfect	Used	\$9.77	\$9.77
French Cultural	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	\$5.00	\$5.00

PLEASE NOTE: As the Electives in Year 8 are on a Rotation and students only take one (1) language subject - Japanese, French or French Cultural, one (1) HPE subject - either STEP or HPE and one (1) Technology subject - either STEM or Technology, the calculations for the SRS have taken the lowest costed of these subjects. Integrated Support Services students may receive some alternative materials and texts to complement the resources listed above.