Year 8 Annual Parent Information Letter - 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the 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 parent/carers 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/carers 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 October 2025.

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. Participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent/carer to participate. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school.

Parents/carers 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 the school will take the view that the parent/carer has chosen to opt out of the SRS. The parent/carer is then required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child by the start of the school year.

Parent/carers only need to complete one Participation Agreement Form agreeing to join the scheme. A parent/carer's participation or non-participation in the scheme will continue as per their previously completed Participation Agreement Form. A parent/carer can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

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 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 year 7 to 12 students. The current TRA is $164 or years 7 to 10 and $357 for years 11 and 12 and is used to reduce the cost of participation in the SRS. Information on the TRA can be found on the department's website.

The SRS Participation Fee

The Student Resource Scheme is a flat fee that covers the cost of general items and all core and elective subjects. Some resource heavy electives in year 11 and 12 have an additional charge, detailed below.

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2026 - SRS FLAT FEES & ELECTIVE FEES

Student Resource Scheme - Flat Fee	**Fee**	
Junior - Years 7 to 10	$250	
Senior - Years 11 and 12	$100	
SRS Elective Subject Fees *(offered subject to numbers)*	**Year 11**	**Year 12**
Design	$50	$50
Engineering Skills	$50	$50
Hospitality Practices	$100	$100
Industrial Technology Skills	$100	$100
Visual Art/Visual Arts in Practice	$100	$100
SRS - Instrumental Music	**Fee**	
Instrumental Music Hire	$150	
Instrumental Music Levy	$50	
Instrumental Music Maintenance Fee (Percussion only)	$35	
Certificate Courses (Year 11 and 12 only)	**Fee**	
Certificate III in Business/Certificate II in Tourism * ^	$395	
Certificate III in Fitness (Incl. First Aid Certificate)*	$570	
Certificate IV in Justice Studies *	$750	

**Two Year Course – Fees are for RTO and are required to be paid upfront in full.*

**There may be additional charges for excursions.*

^ additional $20 Binnacle Boss Start-up Capital required for term 6/7 major project.

Other Certificate courses may be offered – fees vary.

Payment options

Payment options include a single payment for the full year's fee or instalments. Parent/carers wishing to pay in instalments must email the completed Payment Plan Form to finance@brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au The SRS will be invoiced in early February and can be paid in full or in instalments, as detailed on the Payment Plan Form. 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.

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.

Financial Hardship

Parent/carers experiencing financial hardship 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 Payments on the college website.
- 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.

Email: finance@brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au Phone: 3893 5340

Parent/carers who have not yet completed a Participation Agreement Form are reminded to complete and return it as soon as possible.

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2026 - 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 components.

General Items	Resource	Type	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
General Items	Jacaranda Digital textbook bundle	Hired	$110.00	$110.00
General Items	IT Applications - ReadCloud, Adobe Design and Web Suite, ClickView, print credit, Study Skills Handbook on-line	Hired	$42.00	$42.00
Subject	**Resource**	**Type**	**Acquisition cost**	**Value (to parent)**
SSS	Simplick wallets as required	Used	$3.65	$3.65
SSS	Spelling book to substitute/complement text as required	Used	$9.95	$9.95
SSS	Maths book to substitute/complement text as required	Used	$9.95	$9.95
SSS TOTAL			**$23.55**	**$23.55**
English	English 8	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
English	Knowledge Quest English 1 Online Game	Hired	$15.00	$15.00
English	Novel - World Shaker	Hired	$14.95	$14.95
English	Novel - Dont Call Me Ishmael/A Midsummer Night's Dream	Hired	$22.96	$22.96
English	A4 double sided whiteboard	Used	$7.95	$7.95
English	Fine point whiteboard marker x 2	Used	$1.99	$1.99
English	Mini whiteboard eraser	Used	$1.25	$1.25
English	Writing books x 2	Used	$3.00	$3.00
English	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
ENGLISH TOTAL			**$152.10**	**$152.10**
History	History Alive 8 2e AC	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
Geography	Geography Alive 8 2e AC	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
History/Geography	Jacaranda myWorld Atlas	Hired	$50.00	$50.00
History/Geography	Jacaranda myWorld History Atlas	Hired	$50.00	$50.00
Civics	Civics and Citizenship 8	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
Business	Economics & Business Alive 8 AC,	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
History/Geo/Civics/Busines	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
HUMANITIES TOTAL			**$410.00**	**$410.00**
Japanese	Pocket Kenkyusha Japanese Dictionary	Hired	$26.95	$26.95
Japanese	A guide to Reading and Writing Japanese	Hired	$27.00	$27.00
Japanese	Education Perfect	Used	$9.77	$9.77
Japanese	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complementand or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
JAPANESE TOTAL			**$73.72**	**$73.72**
Mathematics	Maths Quest 8 3e AC	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
Mathematics	AssessON Maths Quest 8 2e AC	Hired	$15.00	$15.00
Mathematics	Education Perfect - Maths	Hired	$27.00	$27.00
Mathematics	Mini whiteboard eraser	Used	$7.95	$3.00
Mathematics	Thinline whiteboard markers	Used	$8.45	$2.82
Mathematics	A4 blank whiteboard	Used	$7.95	$5.00
Mathematics	Coloured square paper (origami) 10 sheets minimum	Used	$15.95	$2.50
Mathematics	A4 plastic ultra clear letter file	Used	$1.24	$1.24
Mathematics	Compass Drawing Safety plastic	Used	$49.95	$1.00
Mathematics	A4 Graph Pad - 5mm (10 pages minimum)	Used	$20.85	$2.50
Mathematics	Protractor 180o	Used	$29.95	$1.00
Mathematics	pipecleaners	Used	$22.75	$3.79
Mathematics	playdough	Used	$54.95	$3.05
Mathematics	twine	Used	$13.25	$0.50
Mathematics	Streamer rolls	Used	$28.45	$0.20
Mathematics	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
MATHEMATICS TOTAL			**$388.69**	**$153.60**
HPE	Health & Physical Education 7 & 8	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
HPE	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
HPE TOTAL			**$85.00**	**$85.00**
STEP	Health & Physical Education 7 & 8	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
STEP	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
STEP TOTAL			**$85.00**	**$85.00**
Technology	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
Technology	Cooking - Ingredients - 5 recipes	Used	$29.00	$29.00
Technology	Cooking - Consumables	Used	$25.00	$25.00
Technology	Sewing - Project Materials	Used	$19.00	$19.00
Technology	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
Technology	ITD - Project Materials	Used	$11.00	$11.00
TECHNOLOGY TOTAL			**$104.00**	**$104.00**
Drama	Stationery (butchers paper, markers)	Used	$36.00	$1.29
Drama	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
DRAMA TOTAL			**$46.00**	**$11.29**
Music	Soundtrap subscription	Used	$11.30	$11.30
Music	Stationery (butchers paper, markers)	Used	$36.00	$1.29
Music	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
MUSIC TOTAL			**$57.30**	**$22.59**
Dance	Stationery (butchers paper, markers)	Used	$36.00	$1.29
Dance	Choreography booklet x 20pgs	Used	$3.93	$3.93
DANCE TOTAL			**$39.93**	**$5.22**
Visual Arts	Artwise Visual Arts AC 7-10 eBook	Hired	$75.00	$75.00
Visual Arts	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
Visual Arts	Project materials	Used	$33.00	$33.00
VISUAL ARTS TOTAL			**$118.00**	**$118.00**
Media Art	Stationery (Butchers Paper, Markers)	Used	$36.00	$1.29
Media Arts	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or SubstituteTextbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
Media Arts	USB Flash drive for editing and video storage	Hired	$36.00	$7.20
MEDIA ARTS TOTAL			**$82.00**	**$18.49**
Science	Science Quest 8 3e AC	Hired	$75.00	$75.00

Science	AssessON Science Quest 8 2e AC	Hired	$15.00	$15.00
Science	Stile Science Subscription (digital platform)	Hired	$43.50	$43.50
Science	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or SubstituteTextbooks	Used	$18.00	$18.00
Science	safety glasses	Hired	$7.00	$7.00
Science	apron	Hired	$15.00	$3.00
Science	gloves	Used	$15.00	$3.75
Science	alfoil	Used	$10.00	$2.50
Science	matches	Used	$3.00	$0.75
Science	corn chips	Used	$3.00	$0.75
Science	tape	Used	$3.00	$0.75
Science	food colouring	Used	$1.20	$0.30
Science	string	Used	$5.00	$1.25
Science	paper	Used	$5.00	$1.25
Science	ziplock bag	Used	$3.00	$0.75
Science	pipe cleaner	Used	$4.00	$1.00
SCIENCE TOTAL			**$225.70**	**$174.55**
Digital Technology	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TOTAL			**$10.00**	**$10.00**
STEM	Teacher Prepared Materials to Complement and or Substitute Textbooks	Used	$10.00	$10.00
STEM TOTAL			**$10.00**	**$10.00**

Please note: All students who do not join the Student Resource Scheme need to pay the following compulsory levies:

$42 IT Applications - ReadCloud, Adobe Design and Web Suite, ClickView, print credit, Study Skills Handbook on-line

$10-$20 Teacher prepared resources (cost per subject)

Parents who choose not to join the SRS must source and provide the student with the above resources, textbooks and consumable items.

Students cannot join Readcloud and access the digital textbook bundle outside of the SRS and therefore students must purchase a hard copy, or their own digital copy, of all the textbooks and novels listed.

Student/parent to liaise with classroom teacher regarding the timing for provision of consumable items and equipment required for each lesson.